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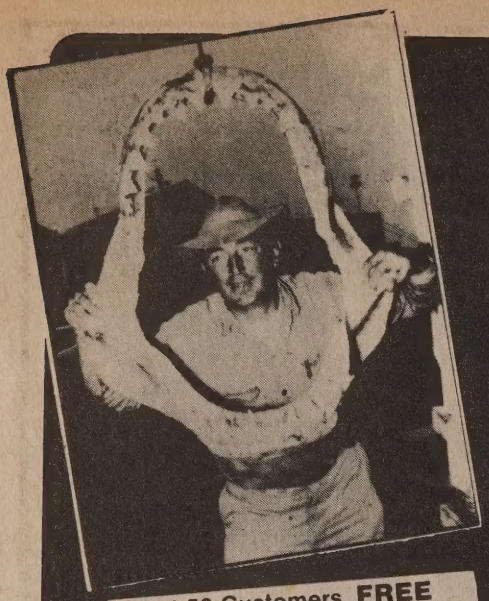

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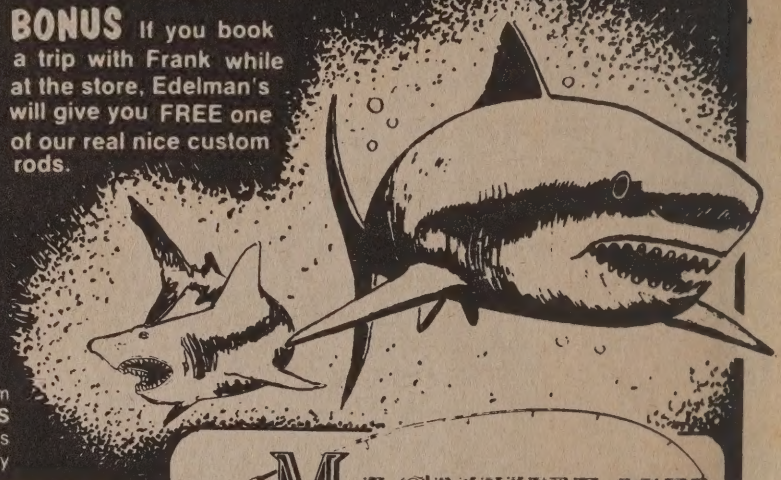

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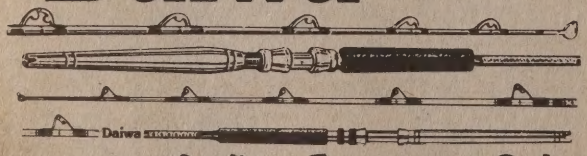

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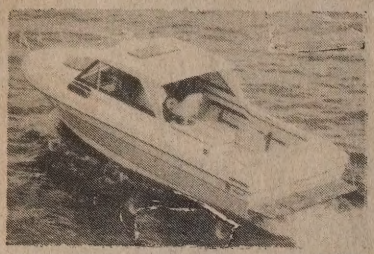

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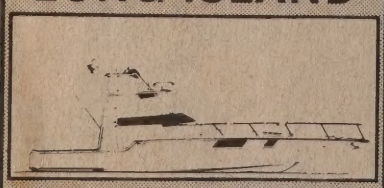

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2ND ANNUAL HARBOR FESTIVAL FISHING RODEO READY TO ROLL

The second annual Harbor Festival Fishing Rodeo will be held again during the last weekend of June out of all ports from Fire Island Inlet, New York to Manasquan Inlet, New Jersey. This year's event promises to be even bigger and better than the 1984 Fishing Rodeo.

Cash and merchandise prizes this year will exceed $50,000, and hundreds of boats are expected to enter. The Harbor Festival Fishing Rodeo is unique not only in its large operating area (there were 23 weigh-in stations last year), but also because literally everyone can compete. Angler participation is expected to increase at least five-fold with more than 5000 anglers expected to enter.

Anglers with larger craft may prefer the Offshore Division, while the Inshore Division provides opportunities for even the smallest boats—including rental skiffs. In addition, there's the Party Boat Division which provides a shot at cash prizes for anyone climbing aboard a party boat entered in the Rodeo.

Unlike other tournaments, the Harbor Festival Fishing Rodeo doesn't concentrate on just one or a few glamour species. Virtually everything available in Metropolitan Area waters during the last week in June is eligible for prizes. In the Offshore Division, there are categories for mako sharks, other sharks, bluefish and three tunas: albacore, yellowfin and bigeye. Inshore anglers can seek out bluefish, fluke and weakfish. The party boat patron can choose from the latter three species plus sea bass and blackfish.

Seventy cash prizes will be given away this year plus dozens of merchandise prizes. Major sponsors this year are Mako Marine, Sabre Rods, Rose York Associates and DuPont Quallofil. Mako Marine is specifically sponsoring the mako shark category which features a $5000 first prize. Other sponsors are expected to sign on before the Rodeo gets under way.

Just as last year, the Inshore and Offshore Divisions will be contested on the last weekend in June: from 12:01 AM Saturday, June 29th to 7PM Sunday, June 30th. However,the Party Boat Division will get an extra two days, starting on June 27th and concluding with the rest of the Rodeo.

Entry fees are $100 for the Offshore Division and $30 for the Inshore Division. Checks made out to the Harbor Festival Foundation are tax deductible, and the entry fees cover all anglers on the boat. Party boat anglers fish free—provided that they sail aboard a boat entered in the contest. Lists of eligible party boats will be published in newspapers prior to the contest or can be obtained from the Harbor Festival Foundation.

Entry blanks are now available and can be obtained at weigh-in stations throughout the contest area or through the Harbor Festival Fishing Rodeo, 1120 Avenue of the Americas, Suite 1410, New York, NY 10036. For further information, call (212) 944-5700.

Special incentives are being supplied for early entries. The first 150 offshore boat entries will received a Jet-Aer G-96 100 percent rustproof Sportsman's Tool II valued at over $20, while the first 200 Inshore boat entries get a Jet-Aer G-96 Mariner Fillet Knife worth over $10. All boats will receive a specially designed travel pillow by Rose York/DuPont Quallofil. The first 200 entries will receive Awlgrip visors.

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The "Fishing Report" by Bill Von Hegal starts another season on Viacom Cable-TV, Channel 6 Fridays at 5:55PM and 11:30PM and repeated Saturday morning at 11AM. The report provides fishing information from Freeport to Shinnecock on the South Shore and Huntington to Mt. Sinai on the North Shore. Also, provided is offshore news, including canyon fishing. The fishing report is geared for the weekend fisherman.

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Lionel Hampton and his Orchestra will entertain Long Islanders with "Light 'n Jazzy" sounds in an exclusive performance on Sunday, June 2, 1985 at 7:30 PM at Huntington High School. Proceeds of the jazz concert will benefit the Fire Island Lighthouse Preservation Society.

"Light 'n Jazzy," the concert theme, will feature Mr. Hampton at his vibraphones together with this 14 piece orchestra playing a lively blend of big band and contemporary music. Widely acclaimed as the International Ambassador of Good Will, Lionel Hampton has performed at 8 Presidential Inaugural Balls and will undertake an ambitious tour of 25 European Cities this spring. This year marks his 50th year as one of the world's foremost jazz artists.

Founded in 1982, The Fire Island Lighthouse Preservation Society is currently approaching its initial fundraising goal of $1.1 million to help restore and relight the 127-year-old landmark. Future plans include development of a visitors information center and educational programs. Once described as one of the nation's

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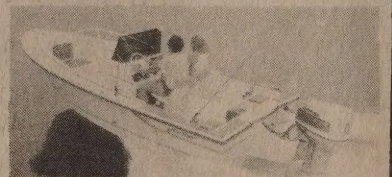

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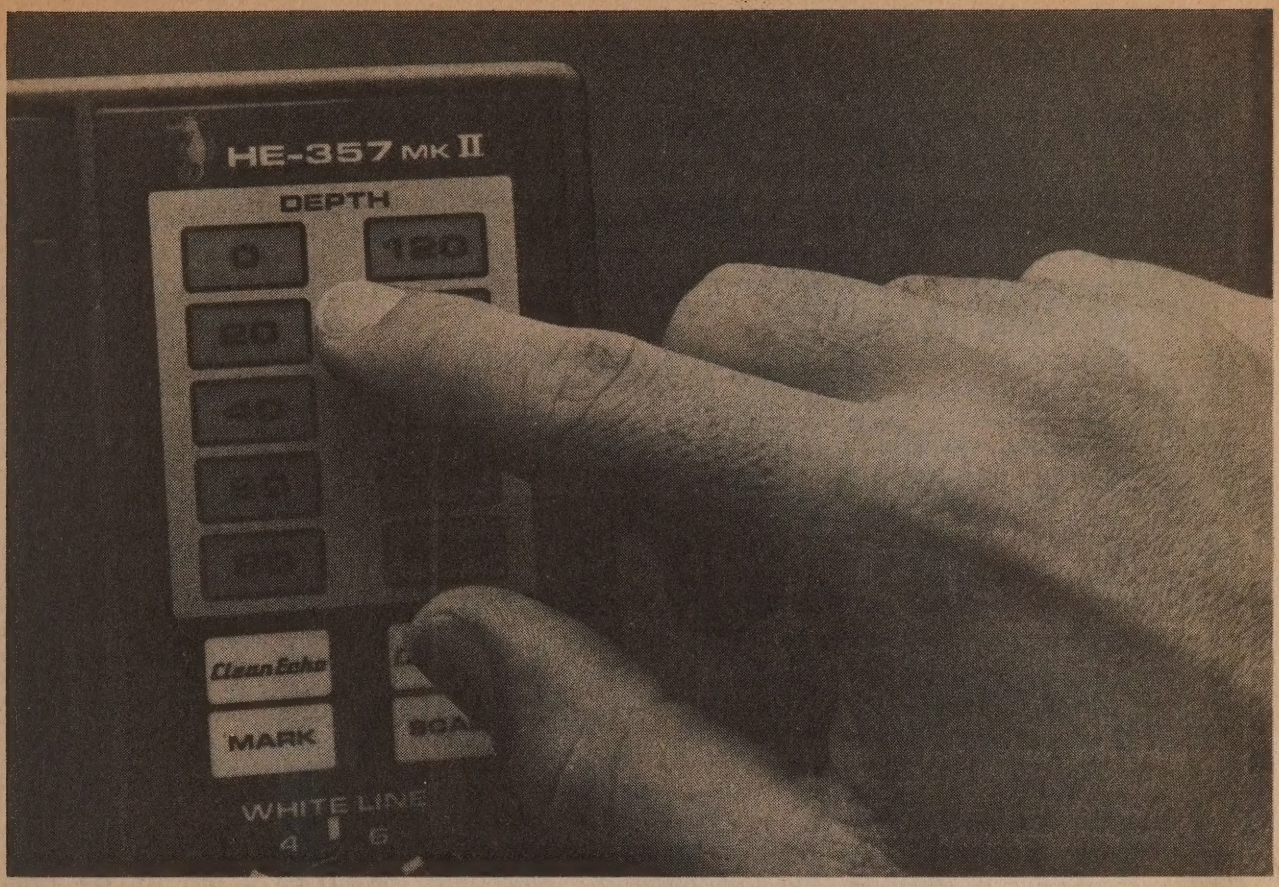

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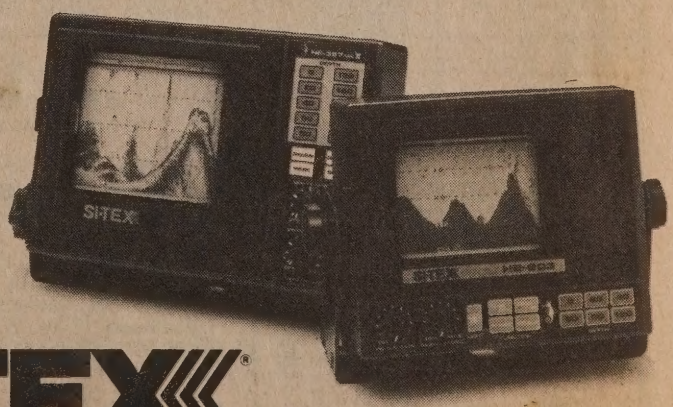

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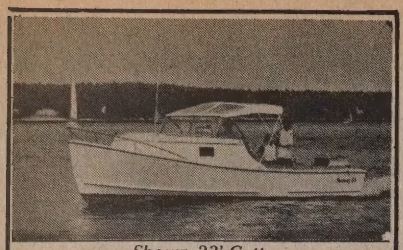

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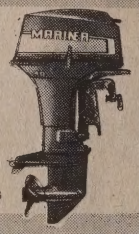

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NEW FRESHWATER STATE RECORDS

Seven new freshwater records were established in New York State during 1984, Environmental Conservation Commissioner Henry G. Williams announced during an awards presentation at the Fish and Wildlife Expo '85 at the Empire State Plaza Convention Center in Albany.

"These new records were set by anglers entering their fish in New York's record fish program," said Williams. "It is a way in which we can recognize anglers for their catch and at the same time call attention to the excellent fishing opportunities found in New York. These lucky fishermen will have the satisfaction of knowing that they made the record books. We expect that fishermen will set more new records while fishing New York waters in 1985," he said.

Anglers setting new state records receive a plaque and certificate of achievement. Annual award certificates are also given to anglers entering the largest fish of each species caught during the year.

The new record weights set in 1984 follow:

Rainbow trout: A 23 lb. 13.76 oz. fish caught in the Salmon River on December 8 by William R. Marscher of New Hartford.

Coho salmon: 27 lb. 4 oz., Salmon River, October 2, by Joseph W. Nobriga, Jr., of Addison.

Bullhead: 2 lb. 5.9 oz., Honeoye Lake, May 19, by Jean H. Seablom of North Creek.

Channel catfish: 28 lb., Allegheny River, October 21, by Richard L. Robertson of Bradford, Pennsylvania.

Rock Bass: 1 lb. 15 oz., Ramapo River, May 26, by Eric Avogardo of Hawthorne, New Jersey.

American eel: 7 lb. 14 oz., Cayuga Lake, July 25, by Larry J. Manino of Seneca Falls.

American shad: 8 lb. 7 oz., Delaware River, May 7, by Carl Pittaluga of Monticello.

Application blanks containing rules and instructions for the record fish program can be obtained at all DEC offices.

ATLANTIS ANGLERS ANNOUNCE RESULTS OF INTER CLUB FLOUNDER TOURNAMENT

In the overall club effort category, determined by the total weight of the three largest fish hooked and boated, the first place trophy was awarded to East Bay Anglers with a total weight of 6 lbs. 10 oz. Second place honors went to the Freeport Tuna Club with a total weight of 6 lbs. even. The Atlantis Anglers placed third with a total weight of 5 lbs. 1 oz. Individual prizes for the largest single fish were also distributed. First prize went to Sam Blasi, of the East Bay Anglers with a fish of 3 lbs. 4 oz. Second prize was awarded to Tony Arcun, representing the Freeport Tuna Club with a 2 lb. 10 oz. fish. The third prize winner was Harold Skonberg, also Freeport Tuna club, with a fish of 2 lbs. Fishermen representing 13 clubs on Long Island participated.

Awards were presented at a special meeting of club representatives, held on may 1st, at the Salty Bay Yacht Club, Freeport, L.I. Clubs interested in entering the Atlantis Anglers Inter-Club Weakfish Tournament on Saturday May 18 and Sunday, May 19, or the Inter-Club Fluke Tournament scheduled for Saturday, June 29 and Sunday June 30, contact Ralph Horowitz, (516) 889-0931. The Atlantis Anglers of Freeport is presently involved in enlarging its membership. Interested anglers can contact Hal Eisenbaum, (516) 678-4352.

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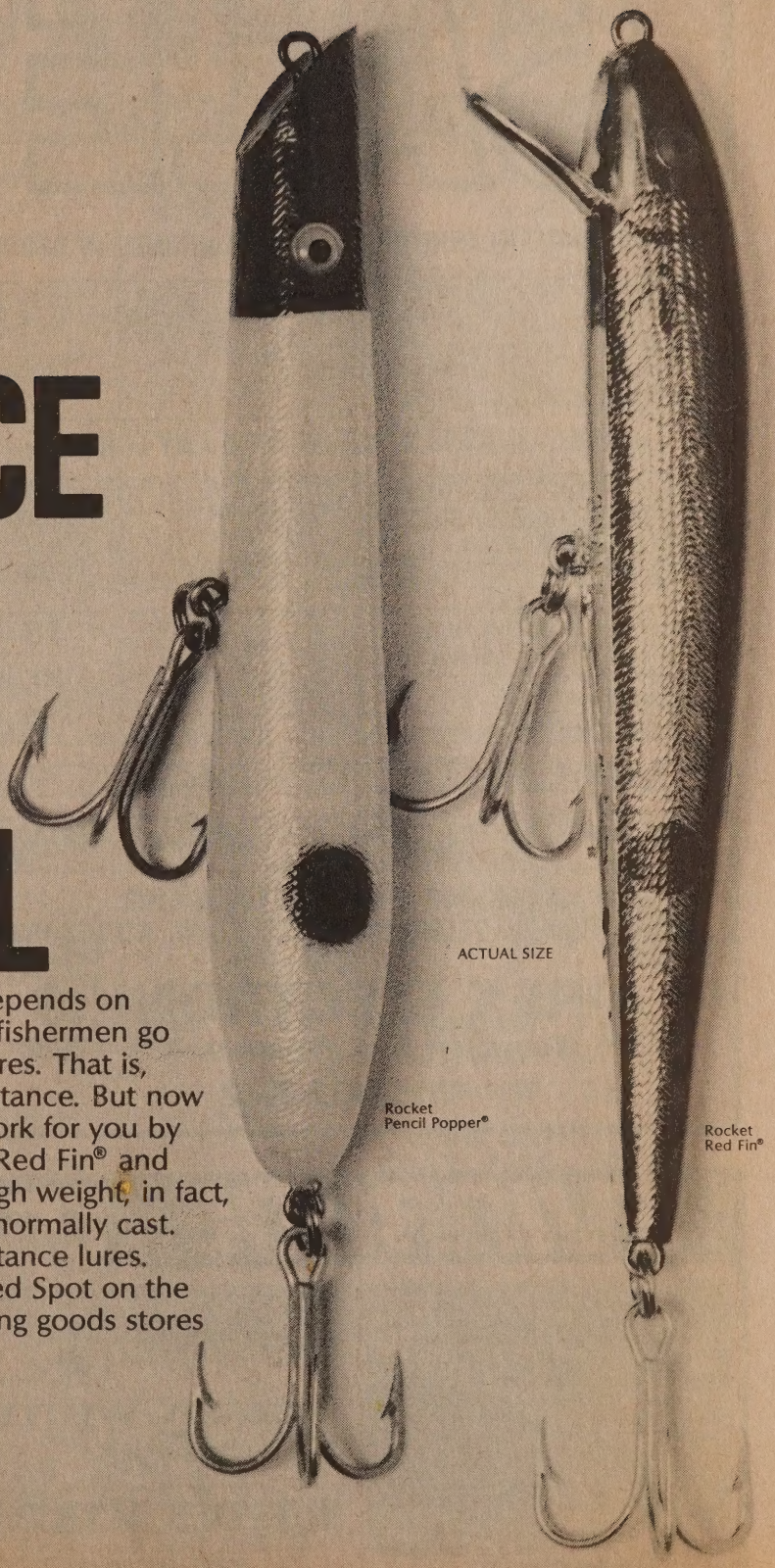

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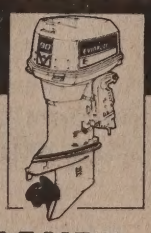

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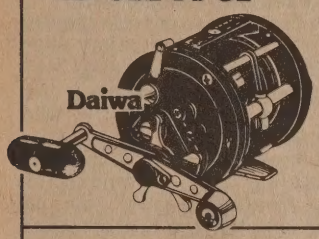

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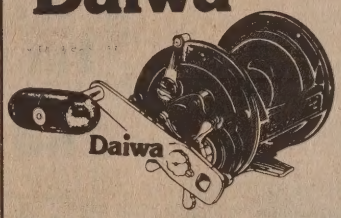

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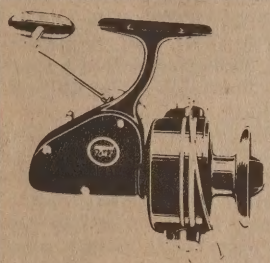

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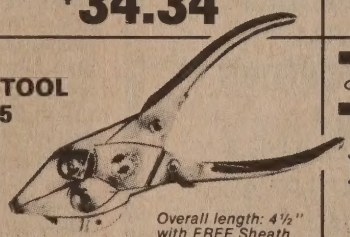

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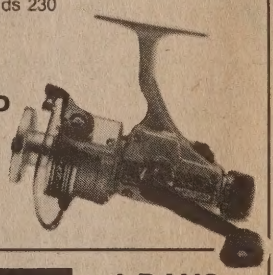

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A copy of the free booklet, "Your Passport to Boating Safety," may be obtained free from participating Olin marine distributors and dealers. For the name of the distributor or dealer nearest you, call toll free, (800) 851-5260.

REIGER HONORED BY AMERICAN LITTORAL SOCIETY

George Reiger, author and naturalist, has been named the 1985 recipient of the MacMillan Award for services to marine fisheries.

The award was presented to him by the American Littoral Society at a meeting at the American Museum of Natural History in New York on Wednesday, March 13, during an evening program of marine mammal films and lectures.

The MacMillan Award is named for Graham MacMillan who started the Littoral Society's fish tag-and-release program some 20 years ago. It is now the largest volunteer tagging program in the country with more than 200 participants and some 155,000 tags in circulation.

Previous winners of the award have been William Gordon, Washington, D.C., head of the federal National Marine Fisheries Service; and Jack Casey, Narragansett, R.I., who directs

the Service's shark tagging program.

Reiger is conservation editor of *Field & Stream* magazine, and the author of several books on marine topics, including "Profiles in Saltwater Angling," "The Audubon Book of Marine Wildlife," and "Wanderer on My Native Shore."

He is a graduate of Princeton University and now lives in Locustville, VA. He was instrumental in the purchase by the Nature Conservancy of a number of Virginia barrier islands for conservation.

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John Gierach has contributed "A Basic Fly Selection for Trout." Dave Engerbretson has penned "Leader Design and Construction." Lionel Atwill discusses "Fly Fishing Via Video."

"Fly Fishing Made Easy' is availble for $2.95 at many tackle dealers and sporting goods stores coast-to-coast. It also can be obtained by sending a $2.95 check (includes postage and handling) to: Leisure Time Products/3M, Dept. LTP85-3, P.O. Box 33600, 3M Center, St. Paul, MN 55133. Allow four to six weeks for delivery.

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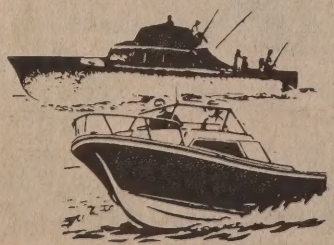

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GRADY-WHITE OFFSHORE 24

by Pete Barrett

From Lake Michigan and Lake Ontario's salmon fishermen to Atlantic Coast bluefish trollers and chummers, there has been a growing interest among charter captains in boats of less than 30 feet for what are being billed as "personal charters." The idea offers small groups of 2 to 4 anglers competitive rates on fishing charters and stresses the use of smaller boats to do it.

Naturally the boat of choice has to be rugged to withstand the rigors of daily fishing, but it must also be built around the needs of fishermen. There's no way to pack a 42 footer into a 24 footer! But, if space is carefully allocated to rod and tackle storage, comfort and fishing room, it can be accomplished. Grady White has done this in two new "Pro Series" boats. The 25 foot, 9½ foot beam Trophy was introduced in 1984 and was a large success. The latest addition to the line is the Offshore 24, the boat we'll take a look at here.

The basic boat is a take-off on the standard Offshore 24 that has been a successful seller for several years. If you looked at both boats too quickly while docked side by side at a marina, you would probably miss the fact that they are definitely different.

The most important difference is buried in the cabin. Instead of the usual vee-berth, there is a single bunk on the starboard side, a built-in rod storage rack on the port side. The first time I entered the Pro cabin I was amazed at how much storage had been crammed into the space—and surprisingly, there is no feeling of being cramped. Everything has been carefully fitted. It works!

It is hard to describe the layout without sounding like a salesman, yet the cabin is truly remarkable. The teak rod holders will firmly grab up to 6 International style reels, plus there are extra holders for smaller spinning or casting gear.

Lockers and drawers provide generous amounts of storage space for lures, terminal gear and duffle bags. All that's missing is the kitchen sink—that's outside and we'll talk about that in just a minute. Teak edge strips keep tackle boxes and other gear from sliding off shelves while the boat may be pitching in rougher water.

The interior is functional and clean. Choices of vinyl liner, cloth bunk cover and carpeting were picked for long wearing qualities. Drawers work smoothly and carpentry was very good, everything fitting together neatly.

The helm station is different on the Pro. A lockable radio box has been added above the panel that holds instruments, gauges and shift/throttle controls. A small Loran and a radio will easily fit into the box. Temperature

gauge, trim tab controls will fit just above the fused switch panel. A graph recorder will fit on the flat surface just to port of the radio box. All electronics are within a short arm's length and positioned just below eye level for clear viewing.

Looking from the stern forward, a fold-down splash well protects the deck from becoming awash in rough water while drifting or while navigating in a following sea. In case you do take on some water, 4 scuppers instead of the usual 2 will help self-bail quickly.

To either side of the well are bait prep boxes to hold iced rigged baits or to serve for lure or rig storage. A wash down pump is mounted in the bilge with hose connected near the bait prep box. Just ahead of the bait boxes is a pair of recirculating live wells.

The "kitchen sink' is mounted into the port gun'l serviced by an 8.5 gallon freshwater tank. This is just one of dozens of small things that Grady White is fast becoming famous for. I'd bet other boats will soon begin adding this same "fishing sink" to their own boats, but Grady did it first.

A 190 qt. fish box is built under the helm chair, drains overboard and is dry at rest while docked. A pair of smaller fish box/storage compartments have been built under the companion chair.

Ed Smith, president of Grady White must keep his design team up nights trying to think of just one more place to put a storage compartment, another rod holder, an extra lure storage drawer or a better place to mount electronics. The efforts show dramatically in the overall finish of the boat.

The cockpit is spacious. Plenty of room here for three anglers shoulder to shoulder while drifting for fluke, jigging blues or baiting weakfish. Trollers will have no problems mounting a small fight chair for doing battle with bigger game.

The Offshore Pro 24 comes in three versions: the outboard, which has just been described; a stern drive model and a Sea Drive model. The basic specs are identical but there are some differences in each model at the transom to accommodate the various engine options.

Built to charter captain specifications, you can be sure the Offshore Pro 24 will give lots of fishing satisfaction.

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SPECIFICATIONS

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Beam	96"
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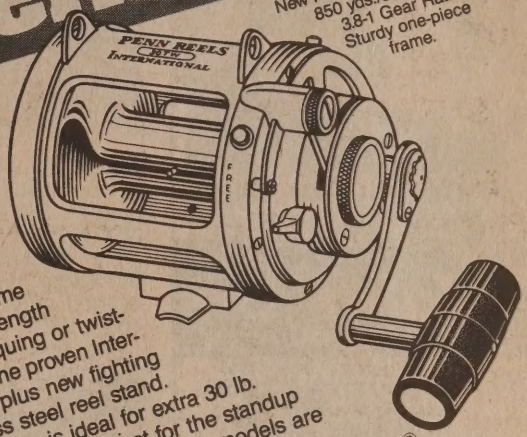

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THE TACKLE DOCTOR

by Russ Wilson

Dear Doc,

I was given a lovely seven foot spinning rod for my birthday and I would like to use it for saltwater fishing, but am afraid it may be too light to handle the larger lures and sinkers that are needed when fishing the ocean, rivers and bays.

My new rod is rated to handle weights of up to one ounce, but when I put a sinker on the line and try it, the tip bends way down and I can't control the sinker because of the extreme bending of the slender tip section.

I plan to use small bucktails, some only weighing a half ounce or less, but on occasion, I will need to go with a heavier sinker to keep my baits on bottom. What's the verdict?

James Allen.

Dear Jim,

Without actually seeing and testing your new fishing rod, we would have to do some guesswork and it may, or may not, be totally accurate. But, here goes. First, try rigging the rod with a 1/2 or 3/4 ounce bucktail and give it a few casts to see how it handles the weight. If all goes right, try increasing the weight of your bucktail until you have the largest weight you can place on the rod without it bending too much to give you control over the weight.

I'd guess this will come out at somewhere around an ounce or maybe slightly heavier. That's probably the upper limit the rod is capable of handling. If you think most of your fishing will fall into this weight range, go ahead and use the rod.

I would opt for something slightly heavier. Most of our present casting rods are rated to handle up to two or three ounce weights and lines testing 10 to 20 lb. They fall right in the middle road area for 90 percent of all fishing we do along the Atlantic and Gulf Coasts.

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Dear Doc,

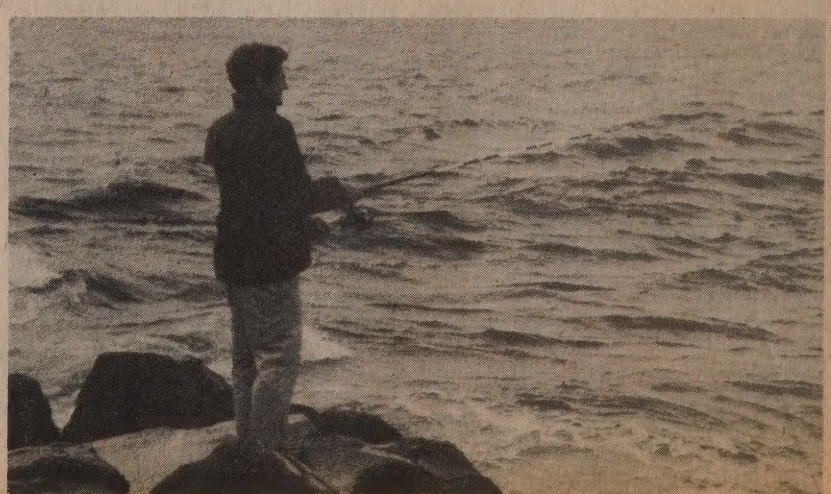
I've only recently gotten into saltwater fishing and am not really all that familiar with the equipment that I purchased from one of the local department stores. The sales person told me just what to buy, but now that I am actually fishing, I don't think he really knew what he was talking about. I do all of my fishing off jetties and inlets and the 6 foot rod he sold me is not long enough to cast nor does it have much flex when I attach the sinker and hook. The reel also feels too heavy for casting. It is a Penn with a rather large spool and my line is 25 lb. test monofilament.

Did I do right by following the salesman's advice or did he sucker me into buying something that I can't use?

Alex Braun.

Dear Alex,

As the saying goes, "you've been had!" What you bought is a boat outfit. There is nothing wrong with a 6 foot rod provided it is used for the purpose it was made to handle. That



Rods of at least 7½ to 8 feet in length are required for most jetty work.

Penn reel is certainly a quality product. Penn is one of the oldest companies in the business of making fishing reels and their products are well made and will last a lifetime if handled properly. Monofilament lines come in many weight classes from 1 to 300 lb. test. You can get by with the 25, but I'd suggest going a tad lighter for jetty work, say something around 17 or 20. The rod should be at least 7½ or 8 feet overall and your reel can be a conventional style such as you describe or a spinning model that will hold a couple hundred yards of 17 lb. test mono.

We hear similar stories all the time and with each new one we cringe because there is no reason to be taken by someone who does not know how the products he sells are used and for what purpose they were manufactured. Next time try a local sporting goods store or one of the bait and tackle shops.

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Dear Doc,

I recently purchased a new fishing reel made by one of the major companies that markets imported fishing tackle. That was my first mistake. Upon my first fishing trip of the season I found the reel virtually worthless. The line twisted, bail spring stuck and the drag did not work at all. I blame the company for selling an inferior product and myself for being dumb enough to buy it. What recourse do I have as a consumer? *Art Black.*

Dear Art,

I sympathize with you, but cannot imagine anyone buying a new reel and not returning it to the store where it was purchased. Most reputable tackle shops will accept damaged merchandise and either return the full purchase price or give a new product to replace the damaged item.

If that does not work, and usually items purchased at some of the discount houses are not returnable, you should immediately *ship the product off to the manufacturer or importer. They are in business to make money, but to do so they must back their products.*

You did not state the name of the product but all companies have their corporate offices listed on the product box. You might try writing them first and asking how to ship the reel back to them for replacement or repair.

I am assuming, of course, that the reel did not work from the minute you removed it from the box. If you gave the product poor care, the warranty may be voided by the company. If not, and you don't really want to go through the hassle of returning it to the manufacturer, you might try giving it some reel grease to loosen parts that are binding. This should resolve the bail spring, drag and other moving parts. The line twist was probably caused when you or the tackle shop filled the reel. It is a common occurence.

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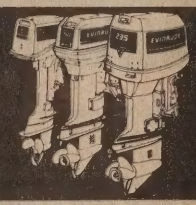

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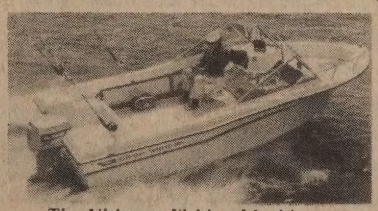

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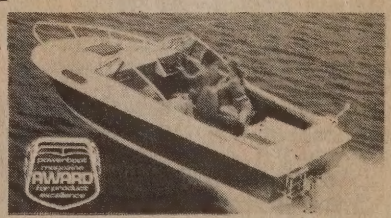

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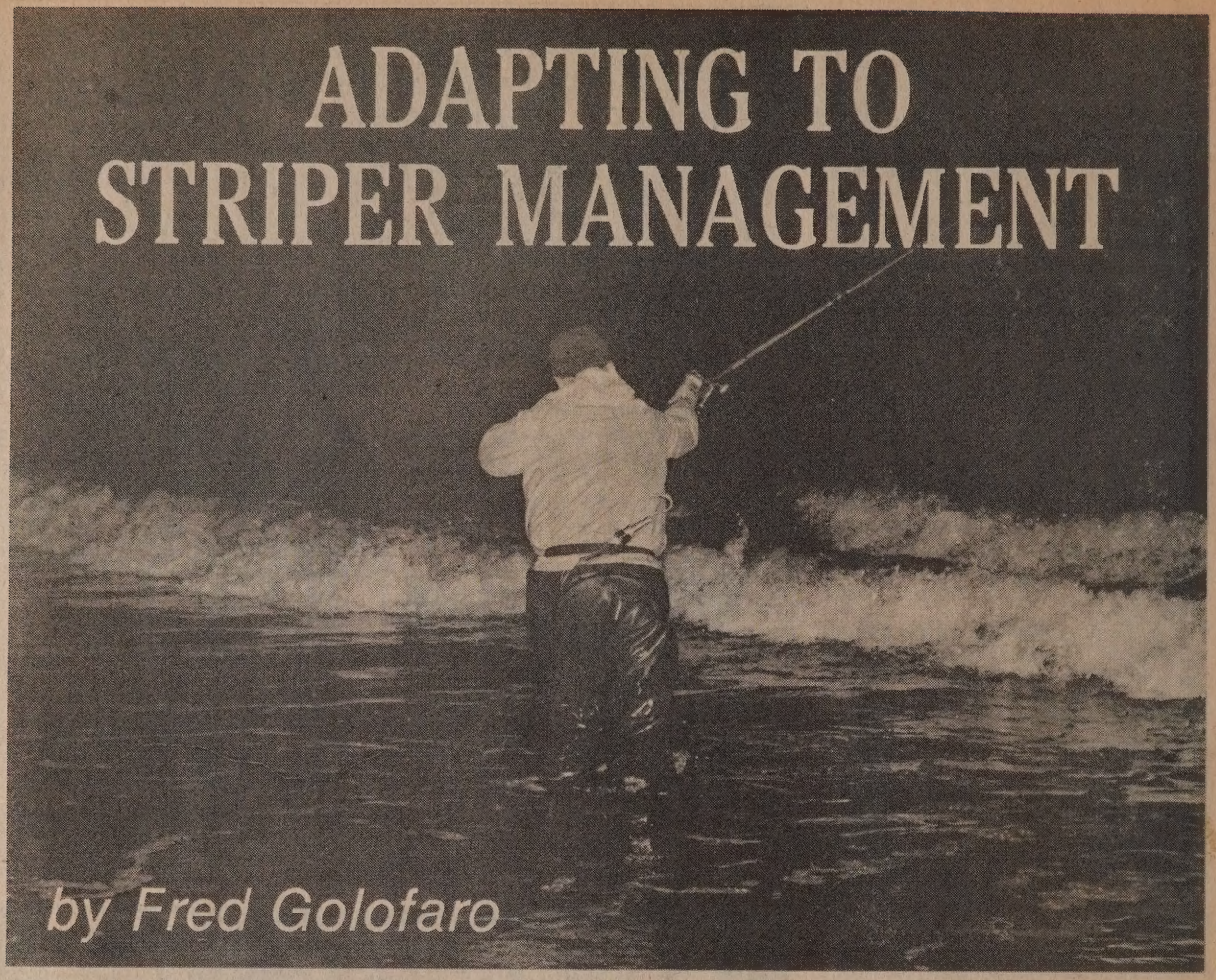

by Fred Golofaro

Despite the fact that the 1985 striped bass season has been open since May 8th, and new regulations have been in effect since that date, there remains confusion among anglers concerning these new regulations. At least two dozen phone calls to The Fisherman office revealed a number of misconceptions pertaining to the new laws. Also, there was some concern expressed concerning the survival of released fish taken out of season or after you have filled your two fish limit. Before we discuss this last concern, let's try to clear up some of the most often heard misconceptions by taking a step by step look at the list of provisions which apply to recreational anglers.

An open season from May 8th through November 30th: Applies to both recreational and commercial fishermen. Any striped bass caught from December 1 through May 7 must be returned to the water immediately. This does not mean you cannot fish during the closed season. The law specifies only that any bass taken be returned immediately.

A 24 inch size limit: Applies to both recreational and commercial fishermen. The 24 inch size is measured in total length, from tip of the snout to tip of the tail. The old 16 inch size limit measured only to the fork of the tail. Any stripers under 24 inches must be immediately returned to the water.

No person may land or possess on marine waters (boat or beach) striped bass from which the head or tail has been removed, or which has been skinned or filleted so that the length cannot be measured or the identity of the species determined.

Recreational fishermen may not be in possession of more than two striped bass at any one time: Applies to anyone not in possession of a commercial striped bass license. You do not have to stop fishing once you have killed your two fish limit. Simply release any stripers taken after you have filled your limit. Since this is a possession limit and not a daily bag limit, there is some concern as to its effect on anglers who spend more than one day per trip on the water or beach. As an example: the surfman who spends a three day weekend on the beach might interpret the law as allowing him to keep 2 fish for each of these days when in reality, he should not have more than two fish in his possession during his stay on the beach. The same scenario could apply to charter boat patrons who spend two or three days at Montauk and book more than one charter during their stay. This possession wording has been the only real complaint concerning the new management regulations and members of the DEC staff have assured us that they are working towards a solution to alleviate these concerns. As it stands now, though, you may not possess more than two stripers. If there is any change concerning this regulation, you can be sure it will appear in the pages of The Fisherman.

Not to be confused with the striper management regulations (designed to meet the 55 percent catch reduction provided for in the Atlantic Striped Bass Conservation Act—the alternative being a federally imposed moratorium), is the state imposed PCB ban. This ban, which prohibits the taking of stripers from Wading River, west on the north shore and from points west of the Smith Point Bridge on the south shore, **does not** apply to recreational anglers. They may take their two fish limit of legal size stripers from anywhere within the marine district. The ban applies only to commercially harvested bass, including those taken by commercially licensed rod and reelers.

For those with reservations about releasing stripers, there are some ways you can minimize the risk of injury to these fish. Crushing flat or filing down the barbs of your hooks

will not only permit you to remove hooks with ease, but will also give you better penetration when setting those hooks. Ultimately you may very well find yourself in the enviable position of catching more but keeping less. Many excellent anglers have been fishing barbless hooks for years to take advantage of this penetration factor. The fear that barbless hook will cause you to lose more fish than you land is totally unfounded—provided you keep your line taut while fighting a fish.

Some of the more popular striper plugs come equipped with as many as three sets of treble hooks. Those extra hooks invariably seem to get hung up in places like gill covers and eye sockets and can cause unnecessary damage to the fish. A number of anglers have discovered that plugs such as the Needlefish and the popular minnow shaped swimmers can be just as effective with two hooks as with three. In most cases, it is the middle hook which is removed.

Single hook artificials, bucktails, whiptails and baittails being some prime examples, were made to order for releasing fish. Unfortunately, there are times when stripers want nothing to do with these lures or they just are not practical for a given situation. Make it a point to carry a selection of these lures though, for they will take fish more times than not and their use makes releasing fish a snap.

Even those who insist on using bait for stripers can effectively release bass. If a fish swallows a bait in such a way that hook removal is difficult, simply cut your leader as close to the fish's mouth as possible. Avoid any delay and do not try to pull or yank the hook out before deciding to release the fish. Corrosion and the striper's digestive juices will make short work of any hook left in the fish. You should avoid using stainless steel hooks in your baitfishing if stripers are the target.

I will not to into the actual releasing of stripers here. Bill Muller covered the subject in detail last year (Vol. 19, #34) and I would suggest going back and reviewing his article. Just remember that the keys to a successful release are **minimal handling** of fish, **be gentle**, and **return the fish** to the water as **quickly** as possible.

Here at The Fisherman, we continue to believe that the recreational fishery for stripers can remain viable and at the same time be compatible with management practices. We have no intention of discouraging anglers from seeking this still glamorous game fish, but instead have been trying to teach and encourage a catch and release philosophy. If selling the fish is not your intent, and in view of the ominous health warnings being issued concerning the eating of striped bass, then that two fish limit begins to look more and more realistic. Fisheries management is the way of the future and it's time we all learn to adapt.

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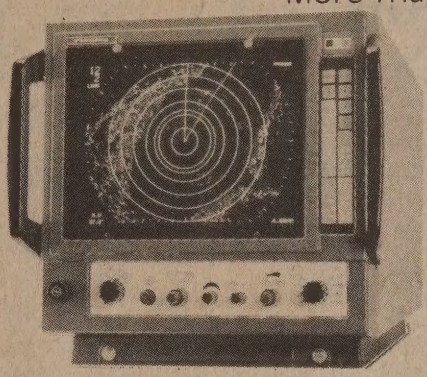

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THE STOLT DAGALI

by John Raguso

The starboard wing lookout suddenly called out, "Fog ahead."

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The stage was thus set for the drama of the Shalom and the Stolt Dagali to begin. Unknown to either crew, this meeting would end in tragedy, as the fates would have them collide early Thanksgiving morning, November 26, 1964. Only minutes after that shout from the Shalom's watch, this new $20 million Israeli luxury liner cut completely through the Norwegian tanker, taking 19 of the Dagali's crew to their deaths in the 50 degree water.

The following account was reported by the New York Times, made available from representatives of the Shalom's owners. It gives a minute by minute description of the events leading up to and directly following the collision, but obviously from their point of view, since it's taken from the logbook of the Israeli passenger liner.

Captain Abner Freudenberg indicated in the Shalom's log that, "They had departed from Ambrose Lightvessel at 1:12 AM on Thanksgiving Day. From that moment until the crash he steered 161 degrees true.

"Visibility was clear, at least seven miles. The Sandy Hook pilot had decided the sea was too rough to leave the ship and transfer to the pilot boat. He stayed for awhile on the bridge, with the master, two second mates on duty as watch officers and two seamen as lookouts.

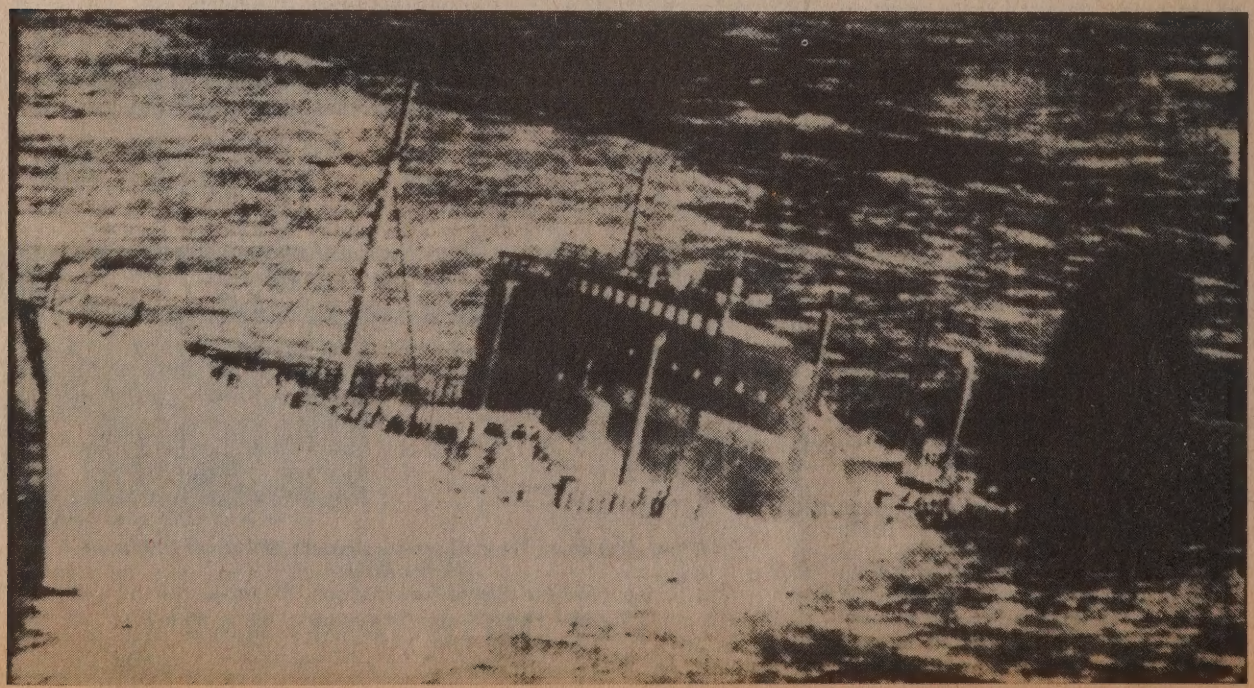
"After the pilot left the bridge and retired to the pilot's cabin, the master went to his cabin just below the bridge, leaving instructions with the watch officers that he be called if the weather deteriorated. The radar was scanned from time to time, the watch officers also checking the vessel's position as she proceeded.

"At and after 0200 (2AM), as the Shalom continued on her voyage, it was observed that the radar scope was substantially cluttered with sea return. At about 0200 while the radar was being scanned, various ranges and means were employed to obtain a clearer pictures. Seconds before 0215 (2:15 AM), the lookout reported fog and the master was notified. He came to the bridge immediately. A watch officer scanning the radar identified a vessel on the cluttered radar scope, bearing 1 point (11.25 degrees) on the starboard bow and 1.7 miles off.

"When he arrived on the bridge, Captain Freudenberg began reducing the ship's speed and started sounding fog signals. Then the fog signal of a ship was heard forward of the beam and the Shalom's engines were stopped. Those on the Shalom's bridge then saw the masthead and range light and the red side light of a vessel. The masthead and range were 'well open'."

As an aside, if these lights are "closed," or close together, it means that the other ship is headed toward the viewer. When these lights are completely "open," the other ship is at right angles to the viewer.

"The rudder of the Shalom was put hard right in an effort to swing clear of the Stolt Dagali's stern. The tanker moved ahead on a course crossing that of the Shalom. After the bridge housing of the Stolt Dagali crossed the Shalom's bow, and as the Shalom was responding to the hard right rudder, the bow of the Shalom collided with the port side of the Stolt Dagali at an angle of about 45 degrees well aft of the Dagali's bridge housing, penetrating across the beam



of the Stolt Dagali. In an effort to clear the collision area for fear of a fire starting in the Dagali's ruptured tanks and spewing flame onto the passenger ship, Captain Freudenberg ordered full speed ahead and brought the Shalom's rudder over to swing her hard left, to get away from the tanker's stern as quickly as possible.

"The forward end of the Dagali had disappeared in the fog. The Shalom's engines were stopped and she stood by to render aid and to communicate with the tanker and notify the Coast Guard and other vessels in the area. The collision occurred at 0216⅓, only about a minute and a half after the Shalom had unexpectedly entered the fog bank which could not be detected on the radar screen, approximately 21½ miles on the Shalom's 161 degree true course line from Ambrose Lightvessel. After clearing the wreckage, the Shalom turned north and launched a motor lifeboat, having heard cries in the water. She picked up five survivors. Later on, the Coast Guard gave the Shalom permission to leave the scene, and she moved slowly back toward New York under her own power for repairs."

The Stolt Dagali, which was named after a mountain in Norway and means "Pride of Dagali," had sailed at 10AM the previous day (November 25th) from the Marcus Hook Sun Oil Company's wharves near Philadelphia and was en route to Newark and then Rotterdam with a cargo of vegetable oil, coconut oil and solvents. This 583 foot, 19,150 ton tanker carried a crew of 43; nineteen of whom perished as the 629 foot long, 25,338 ton Shalom cut diagonally across her aft beam, the cut angling from the starboard afterdeck slightly forward to the port side.

The master of the Stolt Dagali, Captain Kristian Bendiksen praised the Coast Guard action as "the best thing I saw in my life." He and nine other crewmen were rescued from the Dagali's forward section which was still afloat and later successfully towed to port by two Moran tugs. Fourteen other crew members were picked up from the water by various Coast Guard vessels that had converged on the scene. Most of those who died were in the aft section of the tanker, where the engine room and sleeping quarters were located. One of the survivors described that he was fast asleep, when he suddenly found himself swimming in the 50 degree water, clad in only his underwear. Members of the helicopter crew that saved him said they had to pry the hysterical youth's hands from the side of the rescue basket to get him into the aircraft. The aft end of the ship, about 187 feet in length, sank within minutes at the spot where the collision took place.

The U.S. Coast Guard did not conduct an official inquiry as to the cause and blame for the collision between these two ships, since no American vessel was involved and it occurred

(Continued on next page.)

THE STOLT DAGALI
Vital Statistics

Date Sunk: November 26, 1964
Length: 583 feet
Length of Wreck (stern section): 187 feet
Beam: Unknown
Weight: 19,150 gross tons
Hull Construction: Steel
Hull Position: Starboard side down in sand
Depth of Water: 120 feet
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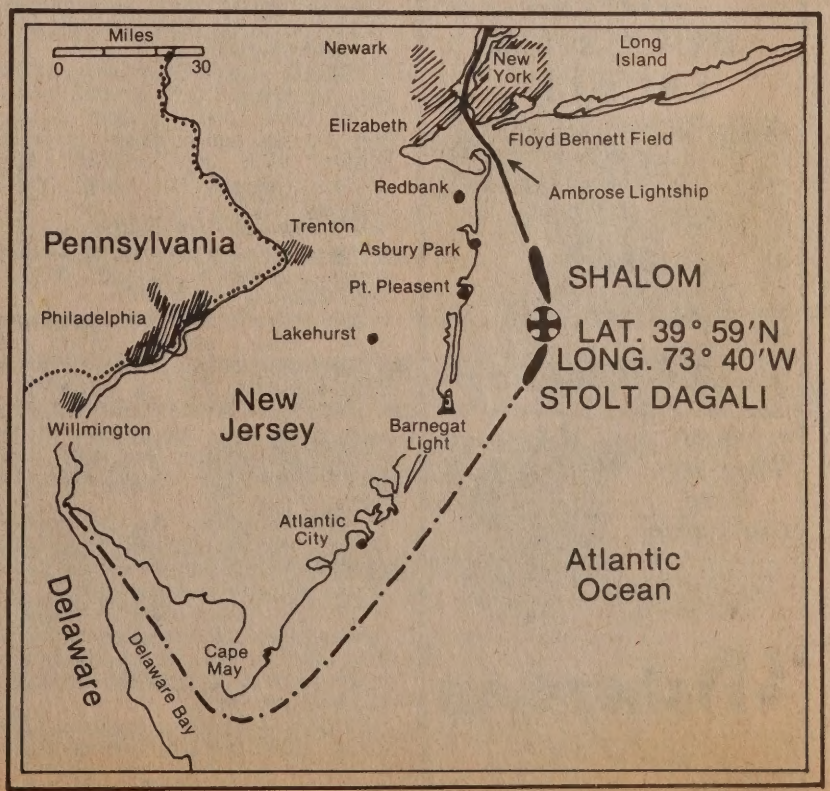

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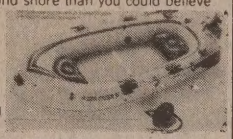
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outside United States' territorial waters. However, the Israeli government did contact their Norwegian counterparts in an effort to establish an Admiralty Court to investigate the crash, but for some reason the Norwegians declined this option. The matter of fault and liability was eventually worked out by the insurance companies, but the Shalom's owners did compensate the families of the 19 lost crew members of the Stolt Dagali a total figure of about $1/2 million to help ease them through this tragic transition period.

Of particular interest in this maritime disaster, were the efforts of the U.S. Coast Guard in handling the rescue operation quickly and effectively under adverse weather conditions. Room 639 of the United States Custom House at Bowling Green in New York was the nerve center of communications activity, and the following is the sequence of events as they transpired in the form of actual radio messages concerning the collision of the Shalom and the Stolg Dagali:

2:22AM—Boston Coast Guard Station teletypes New York: "Coast Guard Radio Station New York. This is Coast Guard Radio Station Boston. Are you reading a steamship with urgent traffic on 2182 kilocycles? Heard her call with PAN (a distress signal, less urgent than May-Day) but am not reading her too good."

2:23AM—Moriches, L.I. Coast Guard Station teletypes New York, reporting receipt of following Morse Code message: "S.O.S. This is motor vessel Stolt Dagali. Will amplify."

2:24AM—New York notifies Federal Communications Commission in Washington and F.C.C. automatically begins obtaining radio navigation fix on distressed ship.

2:25AM—Coast Guard ships at sea report hearing S.O.S. One cutter informs New York: "Shalom reports five minutes ago collision, unknown vessel, thick fog, position. Lat. 40-14.5 degrees N., Long. 73-44 degrees W."

2:31AM—Moriches tells New York: "Shalom says other vessel definitely needs assistance. Shalom doesn't know name of vessel."

2:33AM—Boston teletypes New York: "Heard words, 'collide and sinking', sounds like Stolt Dagali other vessel."

2:35AM—Moriches says: "Shalom reports Shalom doesn't see other vessel. We advised her that Stolt Dagali sent S.O.S. on 500 kilocycles and is sinking."

2:38AM—Coast Guard advises Shalom that helicopters, fixed-wing aircraft and the cutter Spencer (from Staten Island) are under way.

2:41AM—Coast Guard seaplane tender Unimak (on training course in area off Cape May, N.J.) reports she is proceeding to collision scene at maximum speed.

2:43AM—Moriches reports: "The tanker Stolt Dagali is sending S.O.S. again."

2:44AM—Boston hears: "S.O.S. This is Stolt Dagali. Collided with unnkown ship. Sinking, repeat, sinking."

2:52AM—Stolt Dagali radios Moriches: "My whole stern has disappeared." Moriches asks, "How long can you stay afloat?" and Stolt Dagali replies, "Now not sinking immediately."

3:05AM—Moriches tells New York: "Shalom reports taking on water in forward hold and returning to port. Will furnish Stolt Dagali boat if needed."

3:06AM—Dutch tanker Reza Shad the Great, 30 minutes away from collision area, offers help. The American Manufacturer is 30 minutes away.

3:21AM—New York messages Moriches: "Assuming vessel (Stolt Dagali) is abandoning ship. Have vessels on scene assist as necessary in retrieving P.O.B. (Persons on Board) from water."

3:19AM—Shalom says she requires only stand-by assistance.

3:36AM—Moriches says: "Stolt Dagali reports not abandoning ship yet. Visibility one half mile. No wind, sea or swells."

3:50AM—Shalom reports: "Have woman needing immediate medical assistance, internal bleeding."

3:58AM—New York requests that Moriches have Shalom send a steady radio signal so Coast Guard helicopter can "home in" on it.

4:03AM—Moriches reports: "Stolt Dagali says 10 P.O.B. but indicating he is missing afterbody (stern)."

4:09AM—Shalom says: "We are launching a boat and we hear survivors in water."

4:11AM—Moriches reports: "Shalom sees survivors."

4:12AM—New York tells Moriches to advise Shalom to continue sending radio signal becaue helicopter is "homing in on him now."

4:14AM—Helicopter and Shalom in sight of each other.

4:25AM—Stolt Dagali reports: "Coast Guard helicopter and plane circling around us but has not sighted us."

4:39AM—Moriches tells New York: "Stolt Dagali says 33 persons on after missing section (missing stern)."

4:45AM—Coast Guard helicopter radios Shalom: "Hurry this up. We're running low on fuel." Shalom crewmen deciding on best method of transferring injured woman to helicopter. Shalom reports she is still hemorrhaging internally.

4:58AM—Helicopter radios it has patient on board.

4:59AM—Seaplane tender Unimak reports both distressed vessels say they are unable to locate missing stern section of Stolt Dagali, with 33 persons aboard and are unable to communicate with it. Stolt Dagali says 10 persons are still aboard forward section and do not intend to abandon ship in near future. Dutch tanker Reza Shad the Great radios she had sighted Stolt Dagali on radar at 11 miles.

4:59AM—Moriches says: "Shalom has one boat overboard searching for survivors. So far have picked up five survivors (apparently from missing stern). The one boat off starboard quarter."

5:00AM—Coast Guard cutter Point Arden reaches Shalom.

5:05AM—Shalom says none of her passengers or crew are missing so far as can be determined.

5:28AM—Coast Guard cutter Point Glover arrives at scene. Other vessels arrive shortly afterward and major rescue operation to save Stolt Dagali survivors begins.

The site of the collision puts the aft end wreckage of the Stolt Dagali about 18 nautical miles southeast of Manasquan Inlet, sitting on the edge of the 20 fathom curve, just off the western border of the Mud Hole. According to divers' reports, this section is resting with her port side rising 70' above the ocean floor, with the "S" on her smokestack clearly visible. The Dagali's location, being a fairly deep water wreck, combined with access to the neighboring Mud Hole's even deeper water and submarine structure, should make this an ideal sport for many pelagic and bottom dwelling species of fish. Although I've never fished this wreck's exact coordinates, this will be one of the first ones I plan on visiting this year, as it seems a good locale for early season mako activity, as the sharks work their way north pushing the bluefish schools ahead of them. A few of my Jersey contacts have mentioned that the area immediately surrounding the Stolt Dagali's rusting stern quarter produces bluefish in the early summer, plus cod and sea bass in the spring, summer and early fall. As is typical of 20 fathom water located near a wreck or other bottom structure, you can also expect to come across school bluefin tuna, bonito, skipjack and false albacore in the late summer and early fall, as well as schools of small 5 to 10 lb. dolphin hiding under any floating debris. Supporting this, while working the waters a few miles northeast of the Dagali's general vicinity two summers ago, my crew was able to hook up to 9 of these golden "dorado" and landing 6 while trolling cedar jigs near a large floating chunk of wood in 75 degree water. And don't forget, where there are bluefish and small tuna, you'll also occasionally find sharks trying to catch them for a tasty meal, so no matter what's your pleasure, be sure to include a trip to the Stolt Dagali on this season's agenda. The inset box contains all the strategic information you'll need to find the remnants of the Norwegian tanker.

Next week, we're going to cruise about 20 miles southeast along the 20 fathom curve and cover one of 1942's first German U-Boat victims, which also happens to be one of the most prolific early season mako producers in the New York Bight: the wreck of the tanker, R.P. Reasor.

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THE SILVER FOX

by Matt Ahern

A porgy devotee from way back, the author tells how to score with these spunky bottom dwellers.

Do you enjoy porgy fishing? Foolish question; for if you're like me, I'm sure you do. Oh, yes, I'm a porgy fan from 'way back. No question about it.

If a rose is a rose is a rose, then most assuredly a porgy is a porgy—even if it takes three names to describe them, to wit: sand porgy, bay porgy, and sea porgy. Why this should be, I don't know, for I've certainly caught my share of bay porgies in the sea, as well as I've caught my share of sea porgies in the bay (and I've caught many sand porgies in the ocean, too). So, as Shakespeare said: "What's in a name..." As for me, why not call them small, medium and large; certainly it would be far less confusing than the nomenclature used at this moment. Oh, well.

Incidentally, to use three names to describe one fish is not as asinine as that tag: "cocktail blues." Try springing that on new fishermen. At least, the three names given porgies have something of the briny in their description. But "cocktail blues?" Where's the connection? I must admit, though, that after several cocktails one might indeed see blues swimming about. However, I say a pox on the guy who dreamed up that silly name.

Sand porgies are great bait stealers and if you're smart you'll have nothing to do with them. Not only will they bring forth oaths and exclamations you thought long forgotten, but to attempt to clean a batch for dinner is indeed the height of folly. But then, look at the bright side, for if there were no sand porgies, there'd be no sea porgies; which proves again that every dark cloud does indeed have a silver lining.

It isn't difficult to get your share of porgies, be they medium-sized bay porgies, or the larger sea porgies. In fact, not only are porgies fighting fools, they are biting fools. When porgies are around, no one goes home empty-handed. But there's one hitch to this: you've got to make hay while the sun shines. Porgies are flighty. Should someone drop a heavy object on deck, or if a tackle box is dragged across the floor of a skiff, it is likely that you have seen the last of your porgies from that area. Tidal changes often decrease or increase the amount of porgies caught. And so does current strength. I'm telling you these things so that you don't think you have a patsy out there. Cautious, quiet porgy fishermen catch fish, careless porgy fishermen cuss their luck.

Light to medium weight spinning tackle is ideal for bay porgies. If you fill a matching reel with good quality 10 pound test monofilament line and rig correctly, you're in business.

My reason for recommending ten pound mono isn't because a monster porgy will break anything less than that, but if you're bay fishing it isn't all that unusual for weakfish to seize the bait—especially when fishing the Peconics. It's happened to me and I've lost some dandy weaks because I failed to heed my own advice.

But when out on party boats and fishing ocean grounds, forget spinning gear and use a conventional type medium weight rod and matching reel filled with 20 pound mono.

You will need this heavier tackle to combat stronger currents, which in turn makes the use of heavy sinkers mandatory. Light spinning gear will not do this, and when you take into consideration that porgies are one of the toughest to hook, take a tip from Old Matt and leave that light stuff home.

As with all bottom fishing, rigging is no problem and you shouldn't attempt to make it so. The popular deep-sea or two hook rig is the one to use when offshore. This rig is also known as the high-low and is the one you'll see most experienced porgy fishermen using. This rig-up is quickly made by placing one hook a snell's length above the sinker, and the other far enough above to clear without tangling.

If you intend to do your porgy fishing in the bays, I believe it is best to tandem-tie two hooks and place them about one inch above a suitable sinker. This allows the bait to be fully extended on bottom. To do this, form a two inch dropper loop with a double-overhand knot.

To tandem-tie, fold the snell of one hook at its middle and run this fold through the knotted loop of the second hook. Then take the second hook and run it through the fold of the first hook and pull up snug. Secure it with a simple overhand knot. If you fail this last operation, one hook will slide down the snell of the other. This is a simple rig to make and takes but seconds.

Because weakfish are always a possibilty when fishing in the bays, place a three foot leadered 3/0 Sproat about four feet above the sinker and bait with a strip of squid three inches long. I'll tell you right now, that while this works, frisky porgies will be attracted to the squid—but this in turn will attract weakfish. So, if you don't mind a lot of rebaiting...

There are two types of hooks I use for porgies. One is the Sproat style and the other is the Virginia, also known as the blackfish hook. Of the two, I belive the Virginia hook has the edge. This is an extremely sharp, hollow point hook with a short bite and offset point and barb. Designed especially for blackfish, this hook, to me, anyway, is just what the doctor ordered for the cunning, lightning-swift, bait stealing porgy.

Another good hook is the Beak or Claw style. I've used these occasionally and while I'm not exactly enamored, I have had good results most times. All these hooks are, or should be, regular shanked. If you can avoid it, don't use long-shanked hooks for porgies. I find these interfere with the fish getting the business end of the hook inside its mouth where it will do the fisherman the most good. You will find porgies can quite easily strip long shanked hooks.

Because porgies are speed personified, hook sizes are extremely important. For bay porgies, a #6 Sproat will fill the bill, or if you're fishing in blackfish territory, a #8 Virginia will do the trick.

For sea porgy fishing, fishermen have more leeway in hook selection. For this fishing, I use a #5 Virginia exclusively. Some fishermen use a #6 Virginia and claim this is best. I suppose in the long run it is a matter of personal taste. If you prefer using a Sproat, Beak, or Claw type hook, I find any size from #2 to 1/0 will do the trick.

The points of Sproat hooks should be checked from time to time, especially when fishing areas where much fouling occurs. Either discard hooks with dulled or bent points, or touch-up with a hook hone. Personally, I don't bother with the hone. Hooks are cheap and I find it pays to deep-six those which have become battle-scarred.

Sinkers, of course, should always

be heavy enough to hold the rig on bottom. You'll catch few porgies if the bait is not down there where it is available. What weight to use depends upon tidal currents, but usually a five or six ounce bank sinker is sufficient for offshore fishing.

And be sure to bring along an extra supply of terminal tackle when wreck fishing. On party or charter boats, running out of hooks and sinker is no great problem, for more are readily available. But when fishing privately, always make sure to carry a generous supply of replacements. There's nothing more frustrating to fishermen than running out of terminal tackle when the fish decide to go on a feeding binge.

I've caught bay porgies on a variety of baits including skimmer, hard and soft clam, blood and sandworm and squid. Of this generous selection, I've had my best action on skimmer and sandworm.

When using skimmer clam in the bays, more fish will be caught if the bait is freshly shucked from the shell. Frozen skimmer is okay—if (and this is a big "if") you know for certain that it contains no salt. Should you have doubts about frozen skimmer, hie yourself to the nearest fish market and buy a dozen or two of large chowder clams, or a pound or two of soft clams (steamers). Use the soft clam necks (they are "killers" on porgies). Save all shells for chum.

When using squid as porgy bait in the bays, cut narrow slices about an inch long and be sure at least a quarter inch trails in the current. Worm fishermen should cut their baits into inch and a half lengths. This size seems to work best. As with squid, be sure some trails in the current.

As noted before, porgies are great bait stealers—especially when using skimmer and hard clam. You can cure them of this most times if you bait your hook in the following manner: cut the clam into narrow, thin slices. Make sure some of the soft belly remains with each slice. This is what porgies relish. Weave the hook through several times and be sure the point and barb are exposed near the succulent belly. This is important because porgies are not blessed with large mouths.

If there's any secret to hooking porgies, it is this: strike the instant a bite is felt. If you hesitate, reel up and rebait. Some veteran porgy fishermen say to strike before the bite is felt. This may cause grins to bloom unseen, but these fellows certainly have a point. I've tried it and it works—but not every time; at least not for me: say six out of ten shots is successful. My buddy Artie Leidecker showed me an almost guaranteed method of hooking crafty porgies. Don't wait to feel a bite. Instead, watch the rod tip. If it dips ever so stealthily, rear back on the fish. He's yours. There's one catch to this, though. Your fishing day must be calm. The rise and fall of a boat on a windy day will make it difficult to hook your fish. But hey—who says fishing is easy, anyway?

Platter sized porgies like this will give a good account of themselves.

If you've missed your fish, don't wait for it to return as he's already given you the business on the first pass. However, when the hook is baited as recommended, nine out of ten times, it will be inhaled along with the bait.

Party boat skippers fish porgies in several ways. Some anchor over known mussel beds and chum with crushed skimmer. Some prefer to drift over hard-packed sand when porgies are known to be in the vicinity. Some fish directly over wrecks and rock-littered bottom. I believe, though, that more porgies (larger ones, at least) are caught when wreck fishing. This is just my thought on the matter, though, and I'm the first to admit this is not a hard, fast rule. Some of the largest porgies I've ever caught have come from the Tin Can Grounds off Rockaway.

I've caught porgies from the following areas in the New York Bight: Tin Can Grounds, Scallop Ridge; McAllister Grounds off Long Beach; Cholera Bank; New Ground; Glory Ground (the latter two often produce excellent porgy action during World Series time); Angler Banks, The Farms; the Subway Grounds south of Ambrose Tower; 17 Fathom Bank and offshore Seabright, New Jersey (very good in September).

Those wrecks that have produced good porgy fishing for me are: Steel Wreck; Coal Wreck; C.O.D. Wreck; Joe Wreck; Iberia Wreck (sometimes very, very large porgies here in early August); and the Stone Barge. I have tried the Howard Wreck off Jones Beach, but was never successful. Blackfish in the fall, yes; but not many porgies.

Porgy fishing is great fun and offers much excitement. If you are one of those fishermen who has never tried it, you owe it to yourself to give it a whirl. Check the weekly reports in The Fisherman. When you read about porgies being caught in your area, sharpen up your hooks and get going.

You won't regret it.

THE FISHERMAN QUIZ

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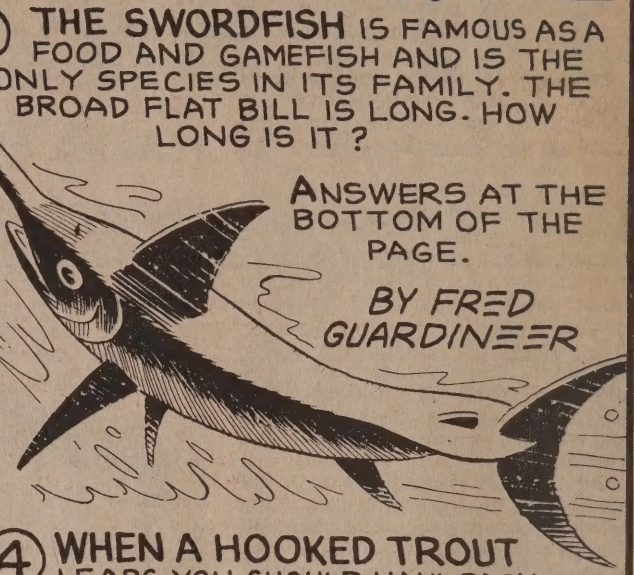

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BY FRED GUARDINEER

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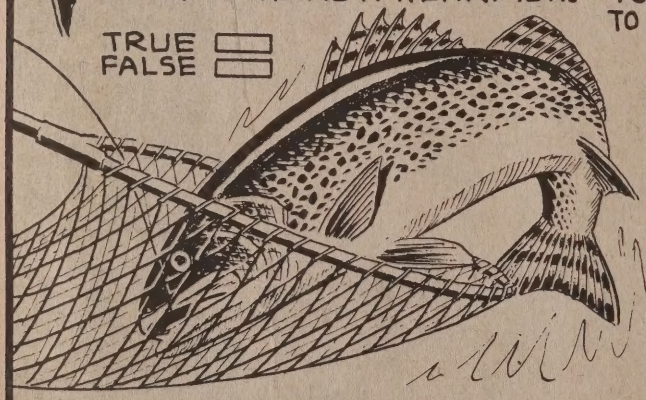

(4) WHEN A HOOKED TROUT LEAPS YOU SHOULD HAUL BACK ON YOUR FLY ROD TO KEEP THE LINE TAUT AND TO SET THE HOOK DEEPER IN THE FISH'S JAW.

TRUE ☐
FALSE ☐

(5) A WADING STAFF IS A BIG HELP IN WADING FAST STREAMS. IT SHOULD BE USED ON THE ANGLER'S UPSTREAM ☐ DOWNSTREAM ☐ SIDE.

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CUSK ☐

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EXPLORING THE BREEZY POINT SHORE

by Ed Haring

Here's the lowdown on how and where to score within the confines of Gateway National Park.

The first thing you have to know about fishing the Breezy Point Area of Gateway NRA is that a fishing pass is required. To obtain one is a simple matter. Visit the Permit Office in the Headquarters Building inside Fort Tilden, which is located just west of Riis Park on the left-hand side of the street (directly opposite the Coast Guard Station). Bring along a rod of no less than seven feet, to prove that you are a bona fide surf fisherman and your car registration. The pass must be placed on the driver's side (lower side) of your windshield whenever you park your vehicle in the designated areas. The regulations are clearly spelled out on the reverse side of the pass. Pay particular attention to Rule 5 and carry off any remnants of your snacks and their wrappings. If you intend to replace your line be sure to include that. Not only does it ensnarl gulls and other shore birds, but it has caused joggers to trip and fall as well.

With your pass in hand you may now fish the following areas:

1. Riis Park. From May 1st to Sept. 30th; 8PM to 8AM only and from Oct. 1st to May 27th, 24 hours a day.

Personally, I prefer to shun this area during the bathing season. Often bathers linger to avoid the city's heat and it is not prudent to try to convince them to get out of the water so you can fish. Then, too, there will be characters drifting along on Cloud Nine. Ninety-nine percent will pay you no heed but who knows when that one percent comes along?

This has always been a fairly productive area, especially when the wooden beach dividers could be walked. They were slippery and the wise angler would free spool his fish as he gingerly picked his way back to the beach for landing. Keep the hospital area and Clock jetty in mind for your fall fishing. At that time there will be no bathers, or parking fees to contend with.

One amusing story comes to mind before the days of Gateway. Riis Park was the "home field" for a well known surf club that has since moved east. One autumn afternoon they marched onto the beach and split into four groups. One member of each squad was equipped with a walkie-talkie. It did not take the average beach rat to figure that the best spot

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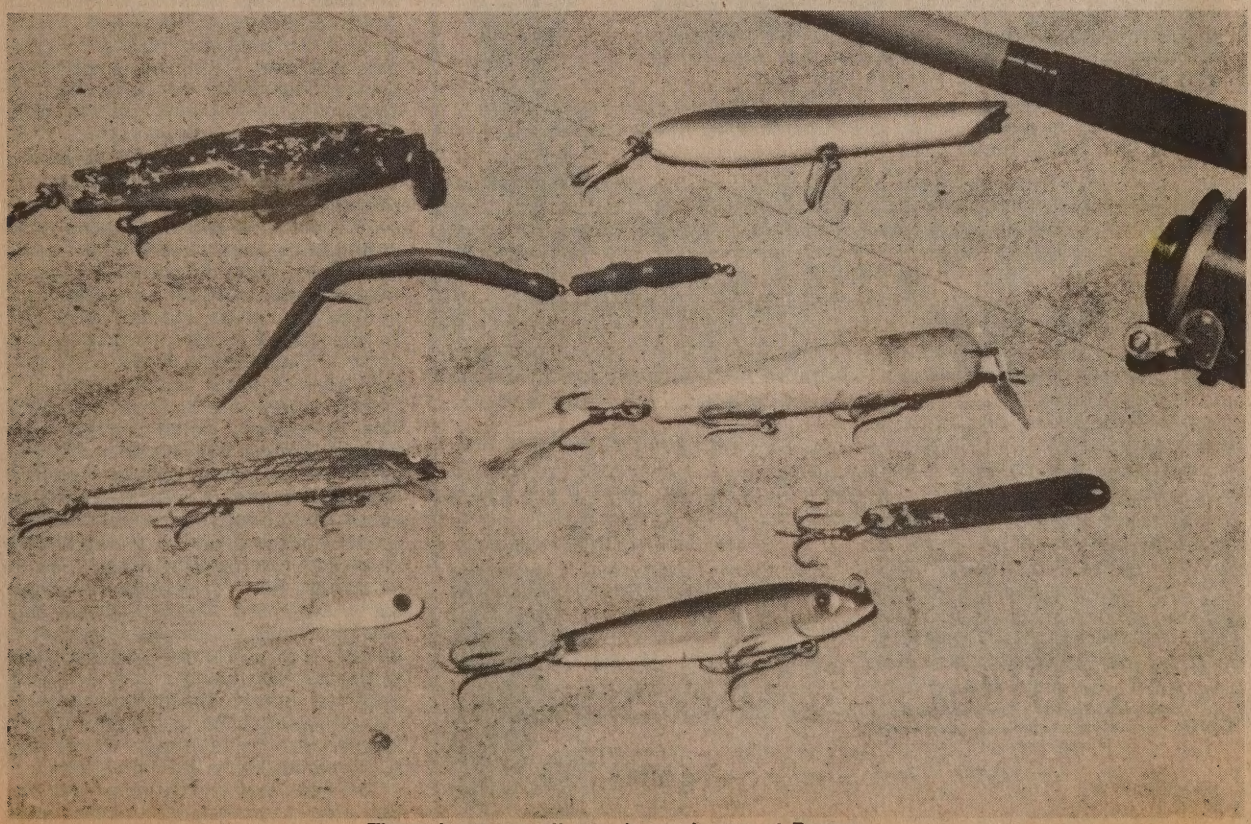

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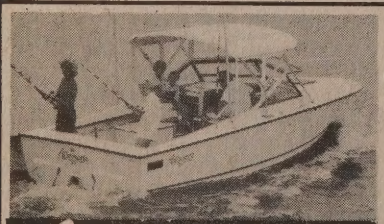

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There were many who campaigned for a fishing area when the formation of Gateway was announced. I waged a one-man expedition and with the help of this magazine and Senator Javits, the dream became a reality.

The fishing started off pretty well; the strong currents and pockets formed by the short stone jetties, held the baitfish within casting range. Clams were plentiful and would wash up in piles after a blow. Then a beach nourishment program was started to the east in the Rockaways. With no restraints to contain the sand in that area, it drifted, burying the productive structure. That, along with the general decline of stripers discouraged many who now sought their fish at Jones Beach and beyond.

If you picked the right hours on weekdays Jones Beach posed no problem. Traffic was not bad and one could avoid the ever-increasing tolls on the bridges imposed by the heartless TBA. Then it happened! A boondoggle was started on the Belt parkway two years ago and continues to this day. No need to display the signs, "Slow People Working," that fact is self-evident. To add to this, the Interboro Parkway suffered a similar fate. Unless you could tolerate long lines of bumper to bumper traffic you could put up your tackle in a garage sale. For better or worse, Brooklyn was pretty effectively sealed off from the rest of Long Island. It was at this point that I decided to put an all out effort into Fort Tilden and was pleasantly surprised. The mullet run was like old times. Schoolies lingered in the surf until Christmas. Jumbo blues were rare, but their younger brethren provided plenty of sporadic action. When I walked the beach on a windy March day, I was happy to see the surf line marked with clam shells.

The beauty of this beach is that you can start casting just a short walk from your car. Many do just this and

remain there all day. The more successful anglers walk the beach paying close attention for bait herded in the wash close to the many jetties. At times, the predators will make forays into the wash, but more often lurk near the ends of the stone piles waiting for the bait to try an end run. The lures that proved to be most effective, from my point of view, were the medium sized Hopkins and finger length Mirrolures. The latter were the most productive but try to find a tackle shop that stocks them.

While on that subject: there are no tackle shops in the vicinity. Be sure to pick up whatever bait or tackle you need before crossing the bridge. There is one shop on Cross Bay Blvd. just before the first bridge and a number of them in Sheepshead Bay.

3. Jetty Area. Here, again, we have all year 24 hour fishing.

For many years fishermen were effectively banned by a toll booth erected by the Breezy Point Cooperative. If you were not a member, back you went. One day a wrong person was given this treatment and he delved into the records finding this to be a state road and a sizeable portion of the land belonging to the U.S. Government. Now there is a parking area for fishermen a short distance before the entrance to the Surf Club. To reach this area you must pass through the community of Breezy Point.

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It is a long walk from the parking lot to the jetty. At one time the entire length was productive, but shifting sands created the same conditions we are familiar with at jetties to the east. That does not mean no fish; fluke and other bottom dwellers may be taken and occasionally rampaging schools of game fish may run along the beach. It was not too many years ago that I came up with a four card straight. A keeper bass, a fluke, blue and weak—all on a Shorty Hopkins. All were taken in a span of 20 minutes just as the sun dipped behind Coney Island.

I cannot furnish a report on the jetty itself. Getting there is not too much of a problem, but trudging back is. Like so many surfmen, those who do fish there are very close-mouthed. I do know that bucktails with pork rind was the preferred bait, but if I were to fish there today I would be inclined to carry a supply of soft plastic creations as well. The jetty is a good many years older than the rest and bears the scars of the sea's fury. To make a long story short, it is slippery and dangerous.

No matter where one may fish along the beaches at night, a buddy is recommended. It is not the easiest thing to find among your housebroken associates. The solution is to keep within sight or hailing distance of other fishermen. Time your departure to coincide with others, so that you do not find yourself alone in a dark parking area—or even worse, with the one percent previous referred to!

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WEAKS ON THE WAND

by Dick Mermon

When fly fishing for weakfish, it often takes more than proper presentation to entice the fish to your feathered offering. The Great South bay flats, southeast of the Robert Moses Causeway Bridge, has afforded some excellent fly fishing for sea trout in the past. But increasing pressure from gill netters outside Fire Island Inlet, as well as within the bay itself and the downside cycle of weaks has resulted in a drastic decline in action here. Also, those available have reverted to a feeding period during the wee hours of the morning, better known as the "graveyard shift." Like vampires, they strike while most anglers sleep and vanish as daybreak arrives.

Recently I have switched my sights from Great South Bay's skinny water areas to the grass banks along the State Channel's southern shoreline, east of Zachs Bay. This section has produced a steady yield of weakfish when employing weighted Twister and Mann's soft plastic worms and grubs. The fish also respond well to live shrimp, but for some reason have declined a variety of fly patterns.

Therefore, if I must bamboozle these yellowfins into striking a well presented fly, why not whet their appetite first with the real thing: grass shrimp. One of the most prominent figures in the art of shrimping weakfish is Ol' George Combs Sr. and his oldest son Jackie just happens to be an avid "salty flyrodder."

Since Ol' George had been catching a few tiderunners near the hole which forms the western portion of the East/West Channel, where the Great South Bay and South Oyster Bay meet, he suggested this was an ideal place to fly fish for the weaks. Positioning his garvey on the channel's south ledge, he double anchored, preventing it from swinging with tidal eddies. A single anchor would cause an uneven chum line, scattering fish rather than concentrating them in one area.

When the tide began to flood, Ol' George commenced chumming with small handfuls of live shrimp. Within ten minutes he had the first weakfish in the boat. This was our signal to begin hoodwinking fish with the fly.

Both Jackie and I had 9 foot graphite fly rods, matched with 10 weight floating line. Although the rods were correct for this type of fishing, it was, as we discovered later, the line that had been wrong, for we should have been using a sinking type instead of floating. Floating line is an excellent choice when fishing the flats, or shallow water no deeper than four feet. However, water depth in this particular location reached 30 feet. Supported by a two knot tidal current, it caused the fly to quickly rise to the surface. The artificial never reached the depth where the weakfish were, close to the bottom. Adding a tiny split shot to the leader only caused more frustration as it hindered casting tremendously.

After watching Ol' George land five weakfish with his short, antique bamboo rod and dragless reel, the solution was a bright as the day we were fishing on. Depth, it had to be the depth. The shrimp which were being chummed disappeared from sight within five feet of the boat. George's method was to strip out line in a count-out fashion for an extended distance away from the boat, then hold it there. This scheme indicated the fish had stationed themselves a relatively good span away, catching those shrimp which sought refuge on the bottom and leaving the surface swimmers be.

Due to the bouyancy of the floating line, the split shot attached to the leader did not bring the fly deep enough, so we switched to sinking lines. Carrying an extra spool of different type fly line is a golden rule for all fly fishermen and especially the salty flyrodder. I personally tote two

sub-surface fly lines: one a sinking tip and the other a medium sinking line. The weight forward sinking tip line is for fishing slightly deeper flats and the sinking is for just such occasions as this. Since the fish were stationed down deep, Jackie merely permitted the fly to be drifted outward from the boat, rather than cast it out and strip it back.

We both had tied on an Ed Ward shrimp fly as we free floated the sinking line to where each thought the fish were. Jackie's line went taut first, heading downward at an angle. A fish had eaten the fly. Three magnificent surges, a few head shakes and the golden glow of a 7 pound tiderunner rolled on the surface next to the boat.

The best time to fly fish these weakfish in the deep channels is from the full moon in May to the middle of June. Fly patterns differ with the locations fished. The shallows in back of Captree Island were an excellent location for large white or yellow and white streamers to match the spawn-laden spearing the weakfish were feeding on. The channel ledges call for a slightly weighted keel-fly in a yellow or pink color. The deeper water along the grass or sod bank channels and main channels of the bays require shrimp style flies such as Ed Ward's Shrimp Fly in pink, gray or green color.

Weight forward taper lines are the best for saltwater use, especially for the novice caster. Common sense dictates the line density as to floating, sinking tip, medium sinking, or fast sinking. Deep water, with a current, requires the use of a fast sinking line, whereas, the shallows would call for a floating, or sinking tip line.

Line weight should always match the rod it is designated for. An 8½ or 9 foot fly rod that will cast a 9 or 10 weight line is practical for almost every situation of salty flyrodding. However and there is always an exception to the rule, be prepared for a game that calls for a heavy hitter, a rod to cast an 11 or 12 weight line. Such outfits see limited use in our local waters, however.

The reel, which is but the line storage unit in fresh water, becomes a highly important tool in saltwater. It must be able to support at least 200 yards of 20 pound dacron line as backing and the 30 or 35 yards of fly line. The reel's drag system may be built in, or can be applied by the angler's hand to the turning spool. Each drag arrangement depends upon the angler's preference, but the reel should be a type that resists saltwater.

Fly rodding for marine species has increased in popularity over the past decade and although it will never fill a fish box, the technique not only offers pleasure, but a challenge. In this case, cheating just a little is no more than presenting a fly into a balled-up bait. With the decreasing supply of weakfish, finding them is the secret, followed by the proper scheme of enticing them to take the fly.

Jack Combs tries to contain a stubborn weak which inhaled a shrimp fly.

After a spirited battle, Jack admires a 7 pound tiderunner.

STOP "SHORT" FOR FLOUNDER

by Capt. Pete Mikoleski

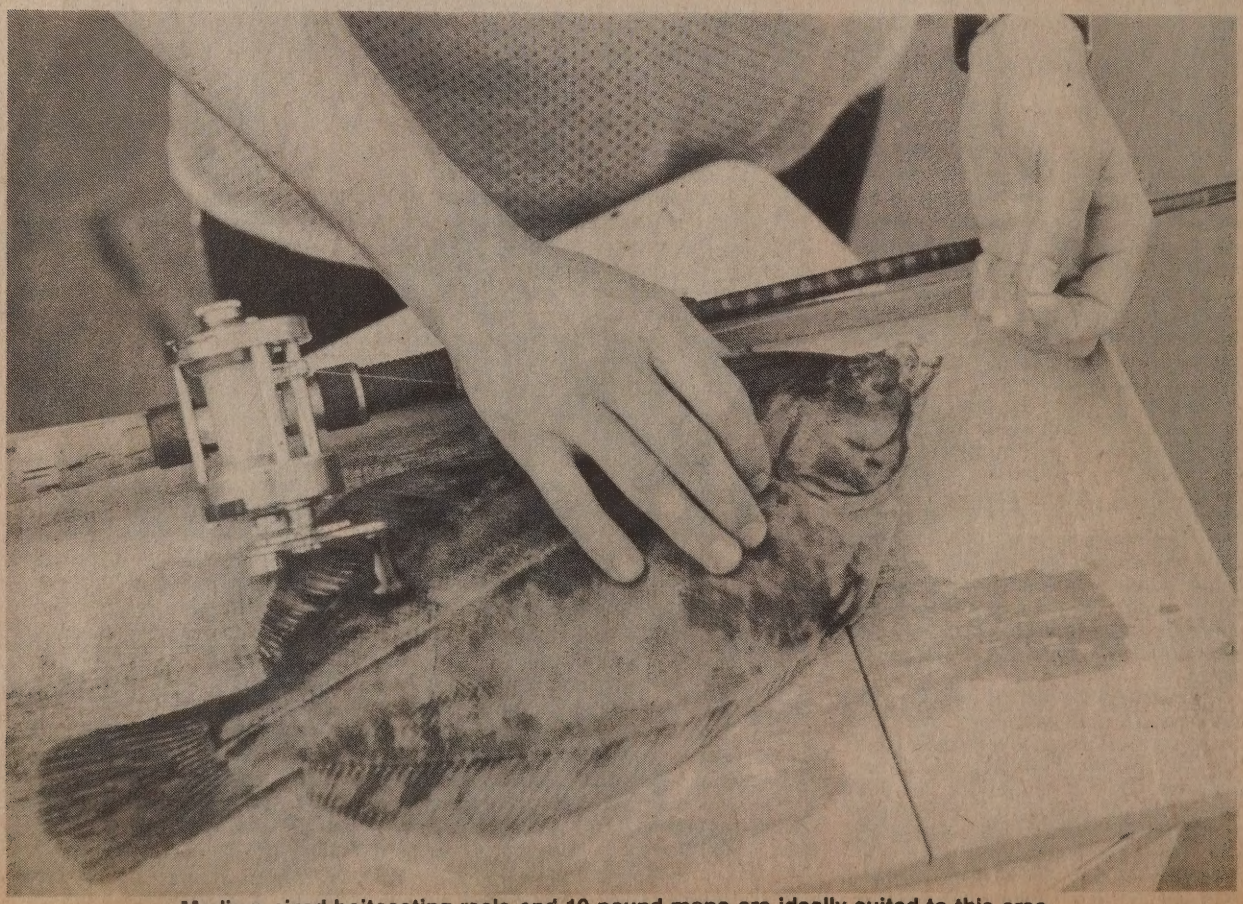
In the shadow of Short Beach Coast Guard Station, west end sinker bouncers make a last stand for winter flatties.

Those of us who chase flounder faithfully, know that they are basically a late winter and spring target. When blackfish, fluke and weakfish start making noises in May, we realize that it's time to stock the freezer with some succulent flounder fillets because our flounder fishing days are numbered. But, if the present trend continues, some expert flounder pounders will feast on fresh flounder fillets throughout the early part of the summer. And they'll do it without making a trip to the neighborhood fish market!

For the last few seasons there has been quite a consistent resident population of nice sized flounder holed up in the bottom depressions found around the Short Beach Coast Guard Station. The station is located north of Jones Inlet on Sloop Channel, a bit west of the Meadowbrook Bridge. Flounder tend to congregate in the deep holes here, where food is readily available and the water temperature is to their liking. As the season progresses the top half of the water column warms up and the bottom half stays a little cooler. The colder water is displaced and accumulates in the deeper holes off the Coast Guard Station to the delight of a few dedicated flounder fans.

If we examine a local small craft chart of the area in front of the Coast Guard Station, we'll find that the water is deeper here than the surrounding areas. The average depth of the water here is 20 to 25 feet, as opposed to water 10 to 15 feet deep in and around Sloop Channel. The deep water here can be almost five degrees cooler at times, and this is where you can find some lazy flounder that refused to migrate offshore to deeper, colder waters.

One reason the water is usually cooler here is the whole area is replenished daily with the infusion of colder ocean water during the incoming stage of the tidal changes. The bottom here is mostly sandy, with some patches of mud and rocky



Medium sized baitcasting reels and 10 pound mono are ideally suited to this area.

bottom. Close inspection with a chart recorder will help you find a good spot to try your luck. What you're looking for is some smooth bottom to fish over. As long as you're not fishing directly over a large patch of rocky bottom, you could be in a productive spot. If you do happen to come across some rocky bottom, make note of it for future reference, and use the information when you're hunting for some husky blackfish.

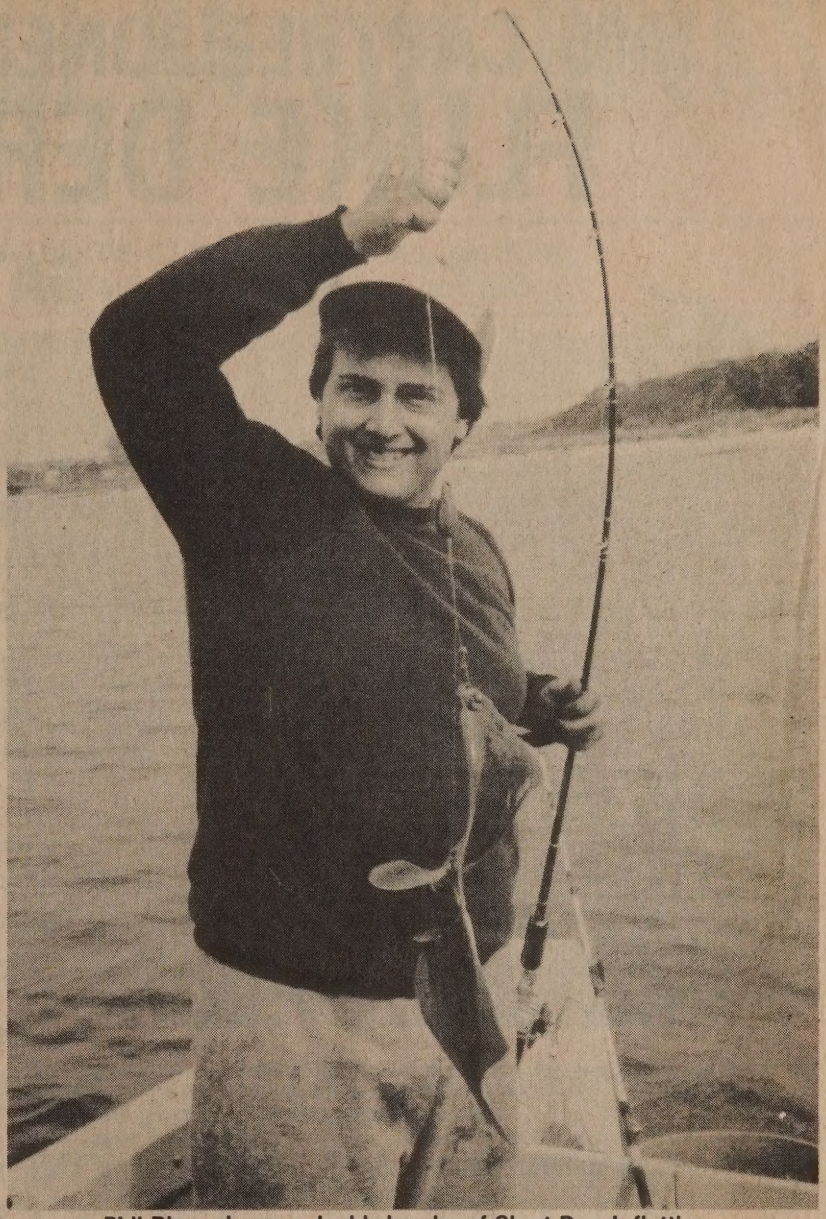
Because Short Beach is so close to Jones Inlet, you're often going to have to deal with some pretty strong currents. So if you want to do it right, you'll have to make some minor adjustments to your flounder fishing techniques. You may find that you're going to have to resort to using two anchors. You'll also probably have to dispense with the ultra light tackle that is now so popular among flounder fans, and go with an outfit that's a little bit heavier.

When the tide is really cooking, you're going to need at least 3 or 4 ounces of lead just to hold the bottom. Don't be surprised if you need more than that at times. So pick a rod about 6 to 6½ feet long with a tip capable of handling the heavier sinkers comfortably. A good medium sized baitcasting or conventional reel will do just fine. I may make a lot of people unhappy with this next statement, but I would definitely leave the spinning outfits home this time.

The smaller diameter monofilament lines offer less resistance in fast water, which, in turn, enables you to hold bottom with ligher sinkers. This is the main reason I prefer to use 10 lb. test line for most of my flounder fishing. When I'm fishing for the bucket, 10 lb. test won't stretch as much as lighter mono, so it'll be easier to sink those hooks. When the bucket is almost full that's when I break out the ultra light spinning gear and 6 pound test. But for fishing under the conditions found at Short Beach and the surounding areas near the inlet, 10 lb. test monofilament line is ideal.

The rest of my basic tackle consists of the usual two hook tandem rig tied to the main line with a dropper loop. Then a clinch knot is used to connect a snap swivel to the end of the line, 2 or 3 inches below the dropper loop. The snap swivel is used for two purposes. It makes changing sinkers a snap (I know it's bad, but I couldn't resist.) and it will help eliminate line twist. But seriously folks, I'll take those small Sproat hooks in sizes 7 and 8 over Chestertown hooks any day.

About this time of the year, mussels and worms seem to be the best baits to use around Short Beach. This year for some reason, sand worms hold a slight edge over bloodworms. Usually the reverse is true. I would rather use worms because they are more durable on the hook. Sometimes, big globs of mussels are THE BAIT preferred by the local flatfish population, but on occasion, strong currents make using mussels a nuisance.



Phil Rizzo shows a double-header of Short Beach flatties.

Chumming is always vital to good flounder fishing. One very important thing to keep in mind here is to make sure you have enough lead in your chum pot to keep it in one place on the bottom. Also, try and toss your chum pot as far upcurrent from your boat as you can. After all, if you're fishing Short Beach you don't want all your chum ending up in Jones Inlet. Some day I'm going to have the chance to experiment with an idea I've had for some time. To send the chum pot upcurrent via the anchor line to try and draw the fish closer to the boat.

Because of the strong currents, we usually prefer to fish the last of the incoming tide through slack water, and the first of the outgoing tide. This is one place you might not find the customary lull in the action around slack water. There will always be some residual currents present to perk the flounder's appetite. For those of you who are not familiar with the area, you may think I've overemphasized the current a bit. Believe me, it is a factor in this area.

Should you have no luck around the Coast Guard Station, there's a few other spots right in the neighborhood worth investigating. There are some more deep holes located just east of the Meadowbrook Bridge in Sloop Channel that have surrendered some big flounder this time of the year. Further east, Haunts Creek is also a known local hangout for some lazy flounder. Swift Creek which is a little north and a bit west of Short Beach, might also give up some late season flatties. So if you want to try and stretch the flounder season a bit, pay a courtesy call to the Coasties and give their backyard a shot!

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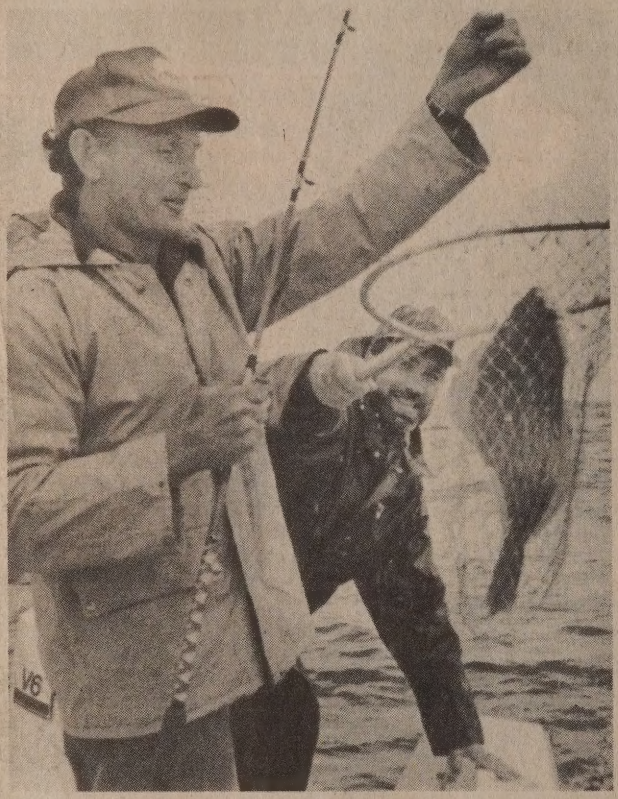

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BLACKFISH ON THE ROCKS

by Gerald Hahn

Unlike most forms of bottom fishing, working the inlets for blackfish is anything but easy.

Many people think of bottom fishing as a relaxing kind of sport. They go to a favorite beach, put some bait on a hook and cast to a likely spot. Then they spike the rod and enjoy the salt air. At times, this sedentary kind of fishing, though not particularly challenging, is surprisingly productive. More often, the angler gets what he came for: an opportunity to daydream.

Yet bottom fishing can be a highly challenging experience, too. Take blackfishing, for example. Not simply blackfishing, but blackfishing at a south shore inlet. This kind of fishing may not require 400 foot casts, and in fact the tackle one uses is rather heavy for the size of the quarry. What blackfishing at a south shore inlet requires is good aim. It also requires a thorough understanding of a complex habitat, the concentration of an airline pilot and the patience of a saint. Having caught numerous school blues at these inlets with various artificials, I can truthfully say that blackfishing—mere bottom fishing—is much more challenging.

If you're a newcomer to blackfishing at an inlet, you will have to pay your dues. Consider the first lost rig an admission charge and the second one a cover charge. Then, unless you decide to go home in utter frustration, you will slow down and start thinking and looking. For it takes a long time to discover where snag-free pockets lie in the rip-rap that surrounds most south shore inlets. Therefore, the first thing to consider, even before attempting to fish here, is checking out the situation at low tide.

Most south shore inlets are braced by rock jetties which merely reveals the tip of the iceberg. For beneath the jetties are more rocks, and only a few are visible, even at low slack. The jagged rocks, moreover, are covered with numerous rig-snaring sea plants, as well as razor sharp barnacles and other organisms that are strong enough to withstand the relentless pounding of the Atlantic surf. This is just the kind of habitat that blackfish favor. And trying to pluck a blackfish out of this structure is a challenge indeed. Blind casting for blues is a snap compared to this kind of fishing.

The blackfish that venture to the south side rocks are not particularly large. In fact, they are much smaller than the ones that seek out the boulders of Long Island Sound. But when they raid the inlets, they are far more abundant than their north shore cousins. The largest one I ever caught on the south shore weighed about 5 lbs., which is a good sized wrasse. Most of the fish weigh 1½ to 3½ pounds. At a south shore inlet, however, they feel like 10 lb. fish.

A husky tautog taken from a south shore rock pile.

Blackfish may not be the quickest swimmers, but they are are cunning as their cousins, the bergalls. They are not migratory either, for they spend the winter in a dormant state in deep local waters. When the water temperature reaches the mid-50s, blackfish head inshore and go house hunting around the jetties, as well as along mussel beds, artificial reels, wrecks, old pilings and bridge supports. This inshore movement occurs twice a year, primarily from May to June and from October to late November.

Blackfishing at an inlet requires stout tackle, the kind of outfit that can quickly yank a fish out of the clutter, and also save a few rigs in the process. Thus, an 8 foot jetty stick with a beefy tip and a medium sized surf spinning reel are in order. The rod need not have a fast retrieve, but it should have a large handle and a smooth drag system. I have an old Garcia 306 which has served me well for this kind of fishing. Consider 20 pound test the minimum, and don't be ashamed to use 25 or even 30 pound test. Fishing from a jetty is like fishing from a crowded party boat. Those who have difficulty handling conventional gear in a comparable size may want to try it for this kind of fishing, since casts are generally made only a short distance away.

Rigs for inlet blackfishing should be fashioned as simply as possible, and a dozen or more brought along. Use a #4 or #6 Virginia hook snelled to a 12 inch leader of 40 lb. test. This hook, with its blue-black color, kirbed bend and short bite, is designed specifically for blackfish. Although it looks fragile, it seldom straightens. Prepare the rig in the following manner: connect a black barrel swivel to an 8 inch leader of 30 or 40 pound test with an improved clinch knot. At the other end of the leader, tie an end loop for a bank sinker of 3 to 5 ounces. Two inches above, tie a dropper loop for the hook. Two hook rigs will only get you in trouble at the inlets. If you lose the rig, all it takes is one improved

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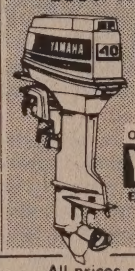

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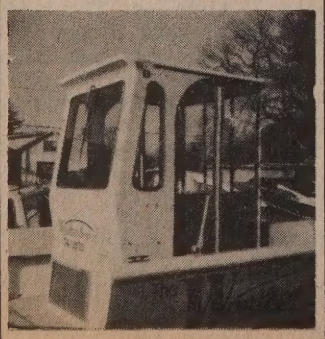

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clinch knot, from running line to barrel swivel, and you're ready to continue fishing. Fumbling with various knots on a windy day, with the surf crashing onto the jetty, is time poorly spent blackfishing.

Two kinds of baits are the mainstay for blackfish anglers on the south shore: fiddler crabs and green crabs. In the spring, blackfish also dine on sand worms, skimmer clams and conch. However, most of these soft baits are stolen by bergalls or are torn off the hook by the structure below.

Fiddlers are the easiest crabs to work with, since they are always fished alive. Simply impale one of these lively little crabs on the smaller #6 hook, through the rear of the shell, exposing the point but not the barb. The large fiddler claw of the male is often removed, and some anglers insert the hook point through this socket and out the rear. The fiddler's carapace is only about thumbnail size, but it comes in various colors, from cream to mud brown. I prefer the pale crabs for contrast with the dark structure below.

Green crabs are considered the overall best bait for blackfish, perhaps because of their size, aroma and juiciness. The smallest ones, which are the best to use, are about three times the size of a fiddler. These can be fished whole, and rigged with the larger #4 hook in the same manner as a fiddler crab. Before impaling the crab, many fishermen crack the shell on a rock to emit a steady flow of juices. Larger specimens are either cut in half, from head to tail, or quartered. The sections may be rigged as they are—legs, shell and all. Probe the hook between the leg joints, in one and out another; or break off a few legs and use the sockets for this purpose. Yet another method is to remove the entire shell, as well as the legs and claws, from the cut-up section of crab. The remaining meat and gristle, which is highly visible, makes an excellent bait although it will not last long at an inlet.

Other items to bring along for jetty fishing are a fish stringer or a wet sack. Buckets may be fine when fishing from a beach, but they tend to fall over on slippery jetties, especially when slippery blackfish remain alive and kicking for hours.

Much has been written about how to play a blackfish, but there are some problems peculiar to jetty fishing. For example, before engulfing the bait, blackfish are known to peck at it with their thick lips and large teeth and the signal is a series of taps on the line. The problem at most south shore inlets, however, is that the surf crashes around the rocks, often playing havoc even with a 5 ounce sinker, and every bump feels like a blackfish. Experience will inform you when the taps are blackfish, not current. Furthermore, once the fish decides to swallow the offering, it quickly works the crab to the back of the throat, where a pair of hard,

mushroom-shaped crushers pulverize the exoskeleton. Having accomplished this, or even while attempting to do so, the blackfish quickly darts back to its hiding place. This is signalled as a sharp downward thrust, and it is imperative to instantly raise the rod tip to the sky while simultaneously cranking the reel. If you delay, the fish will snag the line, and in this inlet tug-of-war the angler usually loses the fish and the rig. Sometimes the fish will move out again if you leave some slack in the line, but don't count on it. Better to sharpen your reflexes.

There are productive pockets between the rocks at every south shore inlet. At Shinnecock, for example, the last 50 to 75 feet of the west jetty facing the ocean on the inlet side has a number of clear areas. Perhaps the best part of this jetty is the very end, if you can work the rig around either side of the overturned concrete block without snagging. Study the currents carefully here before trying this spot. Moriches' west jetty is also excellent for blackfishing in the spring, although you need a beach vehicle to reach it. The nearest access point is Smith Point Park, about 7 miles west. At Moriches I find the middle of the inlet just as productive as the ocean entrance. The east jetties at Shinnecock and Moriches are not as productive for blackfishing, perhaps because wave action creates a sand bar at the ocean entrance. Much of this sand eventually piles over the submerged boulders near the jetty. Incidentally, these sand bars make for some exciting bass and bluefishing. Fire Island Inlet, Jones and the pilings off Rockaway also harbor blackfish.

At the inlets, fishing is generally best around high tide, as long as the current is moving. During slack periods the small creatures find plenty of cover from wily blackfish. Figure about two hours before and two hours after high slack. Blackfish, with their tough slippery hides and stocky proportions, do not fear rough water, so you needn't fish exclusively on a calm day. But if the inlets are full of vegetation, stay home and prepare some more blackfish rigs.

North shore blackfish enthusiasts also have their share of difficulties. Among them are the gigantic boulders which rise from the Sound like prehistoric monoliths. Paying homage to the monoliths are mussel beds and sea plants. Getting a line out to one of these sea-born Stonehenges may require a well trained casting arm, and even then, the fish may not be there. Here the angler may have to do some scouting before he scores. Still, the payoff, though small numerically, can be great in quality. Specimens weighing 6 to 10 pounds have been taken on the north shore.

Like many anglers, I find times when I want nothing more than a relaxing day of bottom fishing from shore. But if anyone tells me that bottom fishing is easy, I tell him to try for inlet wrasse.

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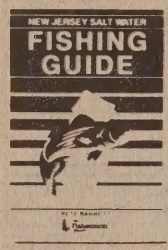

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East End REPORT

with Mrs. Lorry Mangan

Although fish are abundant—flounder, weaks, blues—the weather has not cooperated in allowing anglers to get out, especially on the weekend. A showing of fluke and porgies promises fine fishing ahead. Flounder won't quit the western Sound, big fish off Orient and Gardiner's. Blues moved into the Peconics just after the first weakfish. Some good size fluke in the Sound and Peconics last week. Spring pollock run seems to be starting. Cod are holding up.

MONTAUK

Action at Montauk this past week was either very good, or slow—entirely dependent on the winds. Boatmen experienced the results of severe winds on Tuesday and Saturday, due to weather fronts rapidly moving through. This curtailed many fishing trips and of course, is reflected in the fish catches.

Maureen at **Gone Fishing Marina** reported that during the week the Italian Fishermen's Club of the Five Towns fished Inner and Outer Shagwong, returning with 60 flounder between 2 and 3 lbs. Vinnie, Zuklu and John launched their trailered boat at the marina, reporting that clams and sand worms were the bait of choice for these fish. Recently the marina based boat "Partnership' fished Tobaccolot Bay, where Dennis caught 20 flatties up to 3 lbs. Maureen stated that although high winds and fog hampered anglers' efforts on Saturday Eastern Plains and Tobaccolot Bay seem to contain a lot of flounder. The charter boat **Caprice** fished this area on Saturday, doing well on 2 to 3 lb. flounder with some blackfish.

A spokesman for **Captains Cove Marina** spoke of good catches of large pollock by marina based boats such as **Joy-Sea** and **Mistress Too**; also of large flounder off Gardiner's Island, with some boats running to Orient Point where the fish are smaller but greater in quantity. Small 5 to 10 lb. cod have come onto the Southwest Ledge, where 25 to 30 fish catches are common.

On Wednesday, Bill Schreiber and his son fished Eastern Plains Point on a **Uihlein's Boat Rental**, returning with 15 flounder to 3¼ lbs. The Ridgewood AmVets, Post 34 held it annual flounder trip from Uihlein's Boat Rentals on Saturday and Sunday and declared it an overwhelming success. On Friday, 10 anglers fishing on two 19 foot boats returned from Gardiner's Island (Tobaccolot Bay) with 54 flounder, while on Saturday a group of 5, using compass bearings through the fog, caught 61. On both days, the group fished in 8 to 15 feet of water, using mussel chum and worms as bait. The larger fish were caught on Friday, when the fish ranged to 4½ lbs., while on Saturday, heaviest fish were in the 3 lb. range. All the large fish were weighed and certified at the **Montauk Marine Basin.** AmVet pool winner was Joe Licardi with a 4¼ lb. flounder; Jerry Toiterty had a 3½ lb. fish, while Marty Stillwell who was fishing with his son Marty Jr. caught a 3¼ lb. flounder. The rest of the group included Bill Burgerman, Vinnie Stemple Sr. and Jr., Jim O'Brian, Tommy Lambert, Lew Gordon, Barry Feltz, Fred Timmins, and Ed Fleming.

Locally the **Viking Fleet** has continued codfishing, meeting with varying results, mostly dependent on the weather. Captain Forsberg feels that as soon as the mackerel clear out, he cod will be more willing to take baits. The combination Georges Bank/Nantucket trip on May 12 was a bail jog, according to Capt. Mike Bock, with 49 anglers boating over 1,600 cod and 4 wolffish. Most codfish were of good size, with weights in the teens, 20 and 30 lb. range. The group caught fish until after dark—to 11PM, then continued catching well just before daybreak. Because everyone was "fished out" the boat did not make a drop at Nantucket. Wednesday's trip had tough fishing because of bad tides, and winds causing no drift. Fish were found, however, both on open bottom and wrecks. Because of the successful trips this year, Capt. Forsberg has added another combination Georges/Nantucket trip to the schedule: leaving June 28th, Friday night 9PM, returning Sunday, June 30th about 6PM. Call for reservations.

In response to many requests, the **Starship** has scheduled a tuna-tile trip for Monday, June 24, leaving at 7PM, returning at about 3AM Tuesday morning. Fare is $150, limit 30 passengers. The plan calls for tuna fishing in the Canyon at daybreak (trolling), then tilefishing until dark. This bears checking out; get your heavy tackle in order for this trip!

On the Charterboat scene: Capt. Mike Albronde reports having his best day on the **Montauk** on Monday, when a group led by Rick Petrone

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DAY	SANDY HOOK AM	SANDY HOOK PM	BREAKWATER HARBOR AM	BREAKWATER HARBOR PM	NEW YORK AM	NEW YORK PM	NEW LONDON AM	NEW LONDON PM	WILLETS POINT AM	WILLETS POINT PM	BRIDGEPORT AM	BRIDGEPORT PM	NEWPORT AM	NEWPORT PM	DATE
THURS.	11:00	11:05	11:50	—	11:45	11:35	—	12:40	1:40	2:15	1:55	2:30	11:00	11:15	5/23
FRI.	11:50	11:50	12:05	12:30	—	12:35	12:35	1:30	2:20	3:00	2:40	3:15	11:50	—	5/24
SAT.	—	12:40	12:50	1:25	12:25	1:25	1:25	2:25	3:10	3:55	3:25	4:05	12:05	12:45	5/25
SUN.	12:45	1:40	1:40	2:20	1:20	2:20	2:25	3:25	3:05	4:45	4:20	5:00	1:00	1:40	5/26
MON.	1:45	2:35	2:40	3:20	2:20	3:15	3:30	4:25	5:05	5:50	5:20	5:55	2:00	2:40	5/27
TUES.	2:45	3:40	3:40	4:20	3:20	4:10	4:35	5:20	6:05	6:50	6:20	6:55	3:05	3:40	5/28
WED.	3:50	4:40	4:40	5:20	3:25	5:10	5:40	6:15	7:15	7:50	7:25	7:50	4:05	4:35	5/29
THURS.	5:00	5:40	5:40	6:20	5:30	6:10	6:40	7:05	7:25	8:50	8:20	8:50	5:00	5:30	5/30

On Sandy Hook

STATEN ISLAND	+0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	—0 01
Red Bank, Navesink River	+1 48
Long Branch	—0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	—0 18
Shark River Basin	+0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	—0 12
Seaside Park	—0 33
Mantoloking bridge	+5 34
TOMS RIVER	+4 37
Waretown	+2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	—0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+2 33
Beach Haven	+1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	—0 01
Seven Islands	+0 12
Graveling Point	+1 05
Mullica River	+1 55
Grassy Bay	+1 08
ABSECON INLET	+0 14
Atlantic City Pier	—0 26
Great Egg Harbor Inlet	+0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+0 44
CORSON INLET	+0 09
TOWNSENDS INLET	+0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+0 45
Cape May Harbor	—0 02
Rehobeth Beach	—0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+0 41
SHINNECOCK INLET	—0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	—0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Hart's Cove	+1 30
Pontunk Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	—0 38
Democrat Point	—0 38
Coast Guard Station	—0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville (Brown Creek)	+3 39
Heckscher State Park	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
JONES INLET	—0 19
Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seaford Harbor	+2 05
Freeport Creek	+0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	—0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	0 00
Beach Channel Bridge	+0 38
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On Bridgeport

Lloyd Point	+0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0 08
Bayville Bridge	+0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+0 03
Northport Bay	+0 03
Norwalk Islands	+0 10
Smithtown Bay	+0 08
Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
Port Jefferson Hbr. entrance	+0 03
New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	+0 05
Herod Point	—0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 05
Horton Point	—0 20
Truman Beach	—0 42
Falkner Island	—0 13
Sachem Head	—0 10
Branford Harbor	—0 07
New Haven Harbor entrance	—0 08
Milford Harbor	—0 07
Stratford, Housatonic River	+0 27
Shelton, Housatonic River	+1 36
Black Rock Harbor entrance	—0 03
Saugatuck River entrance	—0 01
South Norwalk	+0 10
Greens Ledge	—0 01
Stamford	+0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+0 06
Greenwich	+0 02

On New London

Orient	+0 36
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Three Mi. Hbr., Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land, Napeague Bay	—0 14
Montauk Inlet	—0 25
Montauk Point, north side	—1 13
Niantic	+1 20
Stonington, Fishers Is. Sound	—0 33
Noank, Mystic River ent.	—0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove entrance	—0 01
Norwich	+0 12
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook Jetty	+1 10
Lyme, highway bridge	+1 24
Essex	+1 38
East Haddam	+2 41
Higganum Creek	+2 54

On Willets Point

Little Neck Bay	—0 10
Execution Light	-0 06
Manhasset Bay	—0 01
Hempstead Harbor	—0 11
City Island	—0 03
Rye Beach	—0 28
Port Chester	—0 09
Mamaroneck	—0 08
New Rochelle	—0 24
Davids Island	—0 02

On Breakwater Harbor

CAPE MAY POINT	—0 10
Miami Beach	+0 17
East Pt., Maurice River Cove	+0 53
Egg Island Point	+0 33
Cape Henlopen	—0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+0 09
Mispillion River entrance	+0 33

On New York

Jersey City	+0 07
George Washington Bridge	+0 46
Spuyten Duyvil, W/RR bridge	+0 58
Ossining	+1 53
Peekskill	+2 24
West Point	+3 16
Newburgh	+3 42

On Newport

Sakonnet	—1 10
Tiverton (between bridges)	+0 21
Beavertail Point	—0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Point	+1 10
Bristol	+1 10
Warren	+0 21
Nayatt Point	+0 12
Pawtucket, Seekonk River	+0 21
East Greenwich	+0 16
Wickford	+0 12
Narragansett Pier	—0 08
Point Judith Hbr. of Refuge	—0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+0 05
Block Island (Old Harbor)	—0 14
Watch Hill Point	+0 44

Sunrise/Sunset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 5/23	5:33	8:21
FRI. 5/24	5:32	8:22
SAT. 5/25	5:32	8:23
SUN. 5/26	5:31	8:24
MON. 5/27	5:31	8:25
TUE. 5/28	5:30	8:26
WED. 5/29	5:30	8:27

Moonrise/Moonset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 5/23	8:06AM	—
FRI. 5/24	9:08AM	12:05PM
SAT. 5/25	10:15AM	12:48PM
SUN. 5/26	11:25AM	1:24PM
MON. 5/27	12:37PM	1:55PM
TUE. 5/28	1:49PM	2:22PM
WED. 5/29	3:02PM	2:48PM

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	AM		PM	
	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
Thurs.	8:30	**2:20**	9:00	**2:45**
Fri.	9:25	**3:15**	10:00	**3:45**
Sat.	10:25	**4:15**	10:55	**4:40**
Sun.	11:20	**5:10**	11:50	**5:35**
Mon.	—	**6:05**	12:15	**6:30**
Tues.	12:45	**6:50**	1:05	**7:15**
Wed.	1:30	**7:35**	1:45	**8:00**
Thurs.	2:15	**8:20**	2:30	**8:45**

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caught 59 cod and pollock, on bait and jigs. Cod ranged to 36 lbs., pollock to 30 lbs.. Weather (winds) put a damper on the rest of the week.

Capt. Bill Ricca fished on Cox's Ledge with Bernie Schultz and his friends on the **Allyssa Ann** on Tuesday where a 53 lb. cod was found among 30 mostly in the 5 lb. range. High winds made for a long trip home! On Saturday, after a late start in foggy conditions, Ken Ducca Jr. and Sr., with sportswriter Ken Moran boated 71 flounder, top weight 3 lbs. along with a few blackfish. Best fishing took place at Eastern Plains Point, with mussels the bait of choice over clam. Capt. Ricca found drifting best in the morning. Since Sunday's winds blew to at least 35 mph, most boats tucked into Tobaccolot Bay. Dr. Paul Schiff (Coram) and his medical charter caught 27 flounder, with an 8½ lb. blackfish, despite adverse conditions.

Monday's group on the **Adios**, with Jim LoPresti of College Point found very productive cod and pollock fishing off Block Island, with nice size cod and pollock promising a good June run. On Saturday, Capt. Lewis fished the Southwest Ledge with Steven Jones, for 30 cod, top weight 20 lbs. A midweek flounder trip to Tobaccolot Bay resulted in 55 flatties, all nice size.

Capt. Michael Potts described this past week's fishing as "fair to surperb" on cod and pollock on the **Bluefin IV**. Monday's trip with the West's from N.Y.C. caught 41 cod and a pollock, most fish were in the 15-20 lb. range, with three, however over 30 lbs. Bait was preferred by the fish this day. On Friday, a party led by Mr. Stebbens of Conneticut caught 25 cod, top weight 25 lbs. Fishing slowed a bit on Saturday, however a few cod and pollock were taken. Capt. Potts spotted a school of blues off Block Island and trolled about a dozen fat bluefish in the 5 lb. range. Sunday's group with Dick Latinski and Steve Pascle, used light tackle and jigs for 12 cod (to 35 lbs.) and 8 pollock to 20 lbs. A flounder trip with the LoBasso group from Lynbrook at Gardiner's Island on Wednesday, returned with 41 flounder mostly in the 2 lb. range, with a few over 3 lbs. One seabass was also caught.

Capt. John Potts had the Gunsberg group out on Tuesday on the **Bluefin I**, also to Gardiner's Island where 61 flounder in the 2-3 lb. range were caught. A codfish trip on Monday, resulted in 62 cod and 8 pollock.

Capt. Joe McBride called to tell us that the **My Mate** had a nice catch of flounder off Gardiner's Island on Saturday with Tony Lauro of Brooklyn. The group caught 40 flounder, top weight 3½ pounds until the trip was curtailed by bad winds, prompting an early return to the marina.

Capt. Ron Grandinetti fished Gardiner's Island both on Friday and Saturday, where Frank Heffler put 34 big flounder, to 3¼ lbs., into his bucket the first day, and Tony Lopez

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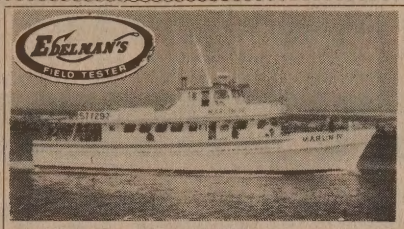

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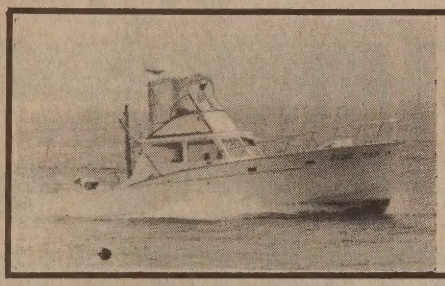
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bagged 48 to 3¾ lbs. the second day. Clams and mussels did the trick on the **Julie III**.

Edelman's Lou Rosado reported his three day flounder trips to Gardiner's: On Friday, before the winds started, Lou and his friends, Bob and Nick, caught 49 snowshoe and 6 blackfish at Tobaccolot Bay, all big fish, with many over 3 lbs., the largest 4¼ lbs. Lou returned to the same spot on foggy Saturday with Capt. Greg Beacher [**Dawn**] and his mate where the group kept 4 dozen flounder, throwing back all under 2 lbs. The weather front with its high winds caused the group to leave early.

SOUTH FORK

Capt. Artie Lach is concentrating his flounder efforts in the Gardiner's Island area, where large fish are entrenched. Saturday's trip started with fine action, until the winds came up from the northwest, making fishing difficult. Good weather, low winds, is all that is needed for a great catch. the **Wilhelric** has started its night weakfish trips. Last Wednesday 38 fares caught 16 weaks. Our efforts were hampered by the appearance of hoards of hungry blues which ate everything- bait, hooks, lines. Pool fish was caught by Frank Scott who traveled from Deposit, N.Y. with his son Guy, nephew Paul, and brother-in-law Steve, who picked up the tab for the trip, while he pocketed the pool money for his 11¼ lb. weakfish. Over 250 blues in the 3-5 lb. range were boated, although many of us released them. In an effort to thwart the blues, I tried a yellow Capt. Charlie Nappi codfish rig, and caught a 9 lb. 3 oz. weak. You'll have to rename that rig, Charlie!

Winds blew out most of the action over the weekend at **Bayview Marine & Tackle**, according to Chris Salb. However, there were catches of weakfish before the blow, with most ranging from 6-10 lbs. Best areas were Paradise Point (near Buoy 14), Noyac Bay, and the west end of the Ferry slip. High Low rigs baited with squid and jelly worms were producing well, day and night. Flounder to 1¼ lbs. are still hot at Cedar Point with a few blowfish. Chris expects the porgy run to begin soon. Make your plans. Lots of bluefish have moved into the bay, fat blues in the 3-5 lb. range.

Vinnie Sombrotto stopped by the Fisherman office on Wednesday to show a catch of 5 weaks from 8 to 9½ pounds he had just made at Jessups. The fish which were checked in at Bayview Marine in Sag Harbor were taken on white and red jellyworms sweetened by squid strips. The day before, Vinnie teamed with his son Vinnie, Jr., and his girlfriend Donna Kriess and the trio put away 64 flounder at Mashomack Point. The biggest, taken by Donna, weighed in at 2½ pounds. Vinnie noted that this has been his best flounder season in

years noting that he has done well on each of 8 trips made this season. He concentrated his efforts in the same Mashomack Point area.

Peter Jakits and Eddie Cacioppo teamed aboard Eddie's **Reel Tuff** in Saturday morning's rain to put away 4 weaks from 5 to 9 pounds at Buoy 28, Jessups.

Thom Speckenback of **Speck's Bait & Tackle** heard of weakfish, as many as one dozen for one angler, caught last Thursday at Buoy 28. The weekend was a blow-out for most anglers. However, Walter "B", fishing with friends Charlie Heileman and John Eustes braved the elements over the weekend for Gardiner's Island flounder. The trio fished Rocky Point, Eastern Plains Point, and Tobaccolot Bay on the incoming tide. Mussels and sandworms caught 39 flounder Saturday, 24 on Sunday. Thom confirmed the bluefish action in the Peconic Bays.

Capt. Ken Malone was into good flounder fishing on the **Jenny Rose** on Saturday morning, until the winds blew up. Most anglers had a dozen or so fish in their buckets, with top weights at 2½ lbs., until the bay was churned up by the winds. Capt. Malone feels that the Shinnecock Bay is about 3 weeks late in flounder action, and shows a good season ahead. Because of reports of porgies in the Peconics, the **Jenny Rose** will sail a porgy trip this weekend. Call for sailing schedule.

Larry Manarillo reported a fine flounder catch on the charter boat **M & M's** with Capt. Marvin fishing the Basket with the Murphy party on Wednesday. The group accounted for many flounder, with at least a dozen fish close to three pounds in weight. A boat based in **Corr's Mariners Cove** owned by Eric Erker fished the same area for 31 flounder, all 2-2½ lbs. in weight. Larry has heard of weaks in the area of the Ponquogue Bridge and rumors of bluefish in the Shinnecock Bay late last week. A few fluke were caught on the drop-off in front of the marina's gas dock last week.

South Shore REPORT

with Fred Golofaro

While the weekend fishing picture suffered from the effects of strong northwest winds and Saturday's heavy rains there was plenty of good action to be found during the week. Flounder fishing in the Fire Island area was the best its been all year and Moriches Bay enjoyed a similar situation. Weakfishing, while far from great, is still a notch or two above the spring fishing of the last few season with some good catches being made by boatmen working night tides. Fluke are now well established in Great South Bay with some fish also being taken in Moriches and blowfish are mixing with the flounder in both bays, more so in Great South Bay.

MORICHES BAY & INLET

Capt. Ron Schleuter of the **Alma Fleet** reported excellent flounder fishing during the week between buoys 34 and 36. Friday's easterly winds and strong northerly winds on the weekend slowed fishing however. A few fluke and some blowfish are mixed in with the flatties and blackfish to 4½ pounds are being taken in good numbers at the West Jetty. On some days, the skipper has made a drop near the Jetty during the tide change to allow fares a shot at some blacks along with the flatties.

Capt. Harry Dawkins of the **Moriches Bay** open boat **Frances Anne** said that he fished opposite the Coast Guard Station on Saturday and Sunday and while the fishing was not up to weekday standards, fares enjoyed a good pick on both days. Most of the fish being taken are falling into the 1 to 2¼ pound range. Tom Burke was high hook on Saturday's trip with 35 flatties while Sunday's trip saw a 4 pound fluke taken in addition to at least 40 blowfish.

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the week according to Gary Grunseich of **Silly Lily Fishing Station** in **East Moriches**. Boats working Hart Cove and Haven's Point on the flood and Buoys 33 thru 39 on the Ebb averaged 40 to 80 flatties. Some did better. On Tuesday, Hank "The Crank" Shlanger and Bill Carlson racked up 104 flatties. On Thursday, Mark Parendo, Mike Leone and Tony Triollo counted 91 flatties in just 2 hours of fishing during the last of the flood at Haven's Point. All were nice fish according to Gary. Weekend winds made for some very tough conditions but a couple of boats still managed to count upwards of 60 fish for their efforts. Most caught considerably less.

GREAT SOUTH BAY/ FIRE ISLAND INLET

Over at **J & J Tackle** in **Patchogue**, Paul Graniello said that despite all the fuss over weakfish and the newly arrived fluke, flounder still provided the brightest spot of the week. Paul reported excellent reports from both Moriches and Great South Bays. In the latter, the fishing is being done on the mussel beds along South Beach and also in the Sore Thumb Pocket. While in Moriches, flats opposite Haven's Point were the big producer. There was also a good showing of fish near the Smith Point Bridge. Seiki Murono and his mom and dad anchored just east of the bridge and put away 30 nice flatties. One customer worked near the Inlet in Moriches on Saturday and found four keeper fluke in addition to a batch of shorts. The Patchogue Fishing Club held its annual weakfish tourney on the weekend. Both the first and second place fish came from Ocean Beach. Andy Polcha led the way with a 9.13 pounder while Jeff Mayer nailed down second with a 9.5 pound tiderunner. All in all it was a pretty good weakfish week according to Paul with a steady pick of fish for those putting in the time. West Channel seems to be the place on outgoing water while the better fishing at Ocean Beach has been on the flood. One boat at Ocean Beach racked up a score of 12 weaks one night this past week.

Al Colban speaking from **J & R Sports Center** in **Oakdale** reported good flounder fishing along South Beach this past week. On Tuesday, Walter Staub stopped to show a catch of 30 flatties up to 1½ pounds taken near Yellow Bar. Fluke are being taken near the R.M. Bridge and in West Channel. Bob Cooil had 4 keepers at West Channel in Sunday's wind. Four year old Patricia Reed returned from a trip to Moriches Bay with her dad which saw the young anglerette put away 13 flounder and 2 blowfish. There has been some good blackfishing from shore on the north side of Robert Moses State Park with most of the fish falling into the 2 to 5

pound class. Fiddler crabs work best on these fish. A fair number of weakfish were taken prior to all of the wind which began blowing Friday and lasted through the weekend. On Wednesday, Dennis Oehler checked a 9 pound weak. Also on Wednesday, Henry Henessey weighed a 10¼ pound weak taken on outgoing water at West Channel. Same day, also in West Channel, Dave Pascarella clicked with a 9¾ pound weak. On Thursday, Al Guthrie stopped to show a 7 pound weak as well as a 3½ pound fluke.

Irene Cioffi of **Peppy's Tackle Shop** in **East Islip** put several nice tiderunners on the scales this week. Charles Rex took a 10.4 pounder at West Channel on a red jellyworm on Wednesday. Same day, Tom Boylan checked fish of 12 and 7¼ pounds. They too were taken in West Channel with both catches made on outgoing water. On Thursday, Tom worked the top of incoming at Ocean Beach and used a jellyworm to take another 12 pound tiderunner. Peter Jakits added an 11 pound tiderunner to his growing score of weaks this spring. Flounder fishing remains very good with the Sore Thumb now the most consistent producer. Fluke are at the RM Bridge to the Inlet and Irene reminded that they will have live killies in stock for the weekend. There is a good possibility that they will have live eels in stock as well come the weekend.

Carl Miller of **Smokey's Tackle Shop** in **Bay Shore** labelled it a lousy weekend due to the weather which had a considerable effect on the fishing. There were plenty of encouraging signs during the week with good reports concerning fluke, flounder, and weakfish. Of the weakfish, Oakdale Sportsmen's Club member, Larry Oehler worked a night tide this week at West Channel and racked up a score of 7 weaks from 8½ to 13 pounds using jelly and sandworms. Fred Wills of the Bay Shore Tuna Club gave the fluke a shot on Wednesday. Working from the bridge to the inlet, he totaled 14 keepers. Flounder fishing has been very good at the Sore Thumb and the Lighthouse and there has been a fair number of sea bass caught at Buoy 13-Ocean Beach on clams and squid and clam chum. Most of the action has been on incoming water. Carl also noted that bluefish are established in the bay and are being taken by weakfish anglers.

Captree's open and charter fleet enjoyed a banner week with flounder along the South Beach mussel beds and in the Sore Thumb Pocket. All the skippers reported excellent fishing throughout the week with a slowdown in the action in Sunday's gale force winds. Despite the winds, most skippers agreed the fishing was still fair to good by most standards but paled in comparison to the weekday action.

Capt. Charlie Kennedy of the **Capt. Joseph II** labelled the flounder fishing super with Sunday's fishing off but still a decent day. On Tuesday's trip,

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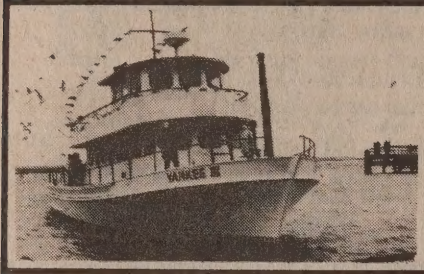

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Capt. Richie Westerlind of the open boat **Capt. Richie** called the flounder fishing this week terrific on the mussel beds along South Beach and at the Sore Thumb. Some blowfish and blackfish are mixed with the flatties. Weekend fishing was off a bit due to all of the wind.

Capt. Richie Leitch of the open boat **Capt. Leitch IV** also put in an excellent word for the current flounder run. Looking through his log revealed that since May 1, aside from 1 or 2 exceptions, he has not had a bad day. Even on Sunday, despite 40 mph NW winds, 60 passengers accounted for over 500 flatties. This was a far cry from the big scores made during the week but still not bad considering the conditions. A few fluke are being taken on worm baits and on some days as many as 30 to 40 blackfish have been mixed in, along with some blowfish. Richie thought that it may be time to be mixing in some fluking with the flatties and expects to start experimenting this week.

Capt. Rod Westerlind had little to add to the flounder story other than the fishing was excellent all week long on the mussel beds and at the Sore Thumb.

Capt. Gordon Roman expressed similar sentiments and noted that even in Sunday's strong winds, fishing could be considered good. Gordon added that he may make the move to fluke by the weekend but noted that flounder fishing has been so good that it makes it tough to leave them. The Queen's PM weakfish trips have seen catches range from a couple to a few taken each night. Fishing is being done at West Channel on sandworms and jellyworms with some bluefish now mixed with the weaks.

Capt. George Tweedy of the **Captree** based **Capt. Scotty 3** said that fares have been taking a steady pick of fluke with 6-10 keepers per man the norm this week. He has been concentrating his efforts from the lighthouse to the inlet with the R.M. Bridge being one of the better producing spots.

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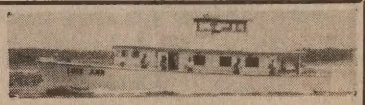

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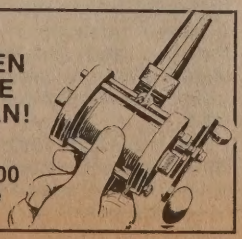

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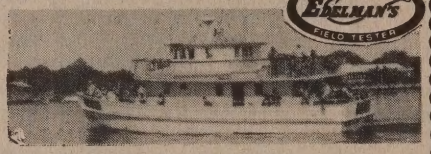

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Weakfishing has been slow with just a couple of fish per trip the rule though some bluefish are now being taken to help spice the action.

Capt. Carl Passero of the **Miss Captree** said that strong winds diminished the weekend flounder action somewhat after an excellent week of fishing at the Sore Thumb and along South Beach between the lighthouse and Robert Moses Park. On Saturday's trip, Ricky and John Knudsen teamed to take 36 flatties. The boat's evening weakfish trips see a few tiderunners taken each night with some bay blues mixing in as well. Despite the excellent run of flounder, the skipper said that he will begin sailing full day fluke trips on Saturday, May 25th at 8AM.

Capt. Ralph Green of the **Babylon** based open boat **Miss Babylon** also shared in the excellent flounder fishing this past week. He too worked along South Beach and down at the Inlet. On Tuesday, 6 year old Eugene Cluti nailed down the pool with a 2 pound pool winner. Joe Lang won the numbers game with 59 keepers. Ralph reported that most fares averaged in the neighborhood of 30 keepers apiece. Wednesday's trip saw Mal Decker finish with 35 flatties and most fares scored with catches in the 20's. Weekend fishing was off due to all of the wind.

Speaking from **Augie's Tackle Shop** in **Babylon**, Tom Healy passed along the Babylon Tuna Club's annual weakfish tournament held over the weekend. Sunday's gale force winds resulted in not a single fish being weighed in while on Saturday, John Szostak of the Aqua Nut found enough of a break between the rain and wind to drill out a 14.2 pound tiderunner. In second place was his wife Anita with a 9.9 pound fish. Flounder fishing was real good most of the week near the WR Buoy and at the Sore Thumb with occasional blackfish mixed with the flatties. Fluke are being taken at the bridge and in the State Channel but the best of this fishing is yet to come.

Mike Andreani of **Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle** labelled it a poor weekend courtesy of Saturday's rain and wind and Sunday's northwest gale. Aside from the weekend, flounder action has been holding up well at the Sore Thumb and blacks are settled on all their ususal spring haunts. Fluke fishing has been fair with some good catches made near the north end of the R.M. Bridge on the last of the flood. Mike has seen several fluke in the 3-3½ pound class. It was a tough weekend on weaks due to the poor conditions but a decent number of fish were taken prior to all the wind. Also the blues are in the inlet and in the bay and are being taken by weakfishermen. Some fish are also trolled on wire and umbrellas at the inlet.

From **Z Crab Tackle** in **Copiague**, Ralph Angelillo reported looking over a nice mess of sea bass topped off by a 5 pounder. They were taken at

Ocean Beach on clam chum and baits by Chip Libertino. Some small weaks in the 3-4 pound class have settled in the Copiague Hole. On Wednesday, George Mills used a number two Hopkins to take 6 of the fish. Same day Win Ritzert nailed a couple of these fish as well. Danny Palumbo sought refuge from Saturday's wind behind the Sore Thumb. He pulled 50 nice flatties from the cove. A good showing of fluke near the Robert Moses Bridge with a fair number of 2 to 3 pound fish being taken. Spearing has been the hot bait at this point in the season.

Bob Vitale of **Bob's Bait and Tackle** in **Amity Harbor** reported spotty weakfish action over the weekend due to the weather. Despite the weather, Joe Fucci managed a 10 pound weak on a jelly/sandworm combo at Ocean Beach. Dick Kissell clicked with a 6 pound weak at Ocean Beach on Thursday. There has been a good mix of blackfish, sea bass and blowfish at buoy 13/Ocean Beach and at Kismet. Fishing near the Kismet Reef on Friday, the Jackson family put together a fine catch of all three species. On Sunday, Don Lander worked the shore beneath the north end of the Robert Moses Bridge and racked up a total of 18 keeper fluke.

From **Edelman's** in **Farmingdale**, Frank Pristera told of a pretty fair pick of weakfish at buoy 12 west of Ocean Beach during the week. Best scores are made on incoming water on 9" purple jellyworms. The weekend was another story with tough conditions resulting in very few fish. Bluefish are being taken in the bay along with the weaks and umbrella rig trollers accounted for some good catches at the inlet this week. Most of the blues are in the 2-4 pound range. Still some flounder being taken in the State Channel but best fishing this week was found near the Lighthouse and the Sore Thumb. A reminder that Capt. Farnk Mundus will be conducting a shark seminar at the store this Saturday.

West End REPORT

with Stu Miller

The flounder action was super red hot through Thursday of this week, with probably the biggest numbers of fish caught. The weather caused a downturn in fishing Friday, Saturday and Sunday what with rain, wind and strong tides. Fluking has come very much alive, particularly in the Reynolds Channel area with very good percentage of keepers being taken. Blackfishing has been fair to good under the bridges while scattered catches of weaks, blues and blowfish are being had.

WEST END BAYS/ JONE'S INLET

We hear from Captain Brian of the open boat **Chinco** out of Seaford that his fares had an excellent catch of flounder through the week. On Tuesday 38 fares had over 1900 flounder, with high hooks into the 70s. The weekend was not as good with the cooler temperatures and high winds. Pools during the week ranged up to 3 lbs. All action was on local drops such as the west side of the Wantagh bridges and the mussel beds off the Jones Beach piers. Both tides have been producing and action on warm sunny days has been best.

A call from **Pop's Fishing Station** told of continued good floundering on both sides of the Wantagh bridges on worms and mussel chum. Average catches Monday through Friday were 40 good keepers per skiff with high boat taking roughly 200 good flounder. The fish out of Massapequa Cove have been smaller with the deep holes and main channels holding a lot of 2 to 3 lb. flounder. Some blowfish, eels and fluke have been picked also.

From **Wanser's Tackle** we heard of a tremendously active fishing week with Monday through Thursday being super according to Lon. Squaw and West Islands, Four Corners and the 2nd and 3rd Wantagh bridges were hot and produced a lot of big flatties. Catches of 50 to 100 fish were not uncommon. Mixed size blackfish to 8 lbs. are being caught at the bridges on fiddlers and greens while fluke are making a decent appearance at the inlets, fish being mainly throwbacks.

Over at **Causeway Bait and Tackle** in Wantagh, Mike says the flounder continue very good in the State Channel between Zachs Bay and Jones Inlet, outgoing tide best on bloods and lots of chum. Ken Mann weighed in a 3 lb. 2 oz. flounder which he took at the 3rd Wantagh on mussel and clam chum plus 19 other good flatties. Blackfish at the bridges has slowed a little said Mike. Small blues from Jones to the Big M in the 1 to 2 lb. range being caught on fluke bait and on tins. He has heard of a few weakfish being taken at West Channel, The Captree drawbridge and Ocean Beach mainly on sand worms. The inshore wrecks have been producing good sea bass and ling catches.

At **Garon's Tackle** in Merrick, Randy tells of hot floundering at the Meadowbrook and Wantagh Bridges in the early AM hours and at slack tides on bloods and mussel chum. Cocktail blues have started to show at the inlets and a few weakfish have been taken at the bridges in the evenings on sand worms, fish in the 5 lb. class.

Moving over to the **Freeport Fleet**, word from Capt. Mike Dannon of the **Capt. Lou Fleet** is that during this week, Monday was the best flounder action he has ever seen. Regular Young Kim hoisted 212 keeper flounder said Mike, including 6 triple headers. Regular John DeRosa put away 185. Eighteen fares that day hoisted over 2,000 flounder said the skipper. On Tuesday Louis Piesgiorgi and Frank Mosono were happy with roughly 300 keeper flounder. High hooks were super all week said the skipper, though things slowed on the weekend due to strong winds, rain and tide.

Aboard the **Capt. Andy II**, good flounder catches were had most of the week on the skipper's local hotspots with fish running from 3/4 to 2 lbs. and many fish large. Worms have been best with both tides working and hotspots off the CG station and the south end of Swift Creek. The boat is staying with the flounder said Andy as it's too good to leave.

Word from Capt. Richie Kessenger of the **Starstream II** is of some pretty good bottom fishing consisting of ling, sea bass and blackfish with catches up to a 5 gal. bucketful. Good action all day long said Richie. Bluefish taking the pool almost everyday and the catches are being made just 45 minutes from the dock.

From the **Bluefin Fleet** we learn of improvements on flounder, fluke and blackfish on a daily basis. All action is local with large flounder in quantities being caught at slack at the bridges and inlet. The pool flounder of the week was a tie between Tom Weickert and John Kanish. John was also high hook of the week with over 20 flounder. Fifth grader Jordan Lehman of Lynbrook was high hook on flounder on another trip while Jim West bagged the largest black of the week.

Aboard the charter boat **Capt. Joe**, Saturday's trip in the wind for Bill Popelaski and his fire dept. group had excellent flounder catches up to 3 lbs. and then at the change of tide, picked some decent size keeper fluke in Jones Inlet. Sunday was a pick with fair numbers of flounder taken even though the wind and tide were screaming. This trip was for the Franklin-Elmont Fishing Club and best results were had in the Big M area. The skipper asked us to let you know he still has a few choice June weekend dates available.

From the charter boat **Captain Gary** came word of Friday's trip for St. Mary's Boys High School having some good flounder action. Dave Morfes took the pool with a 2¾ lber. and Lou Marsini with 27 fish took the high hook honors. Saturday's trip for NY telephone saw J.C. take the pool with a 2½ lber. with Mr. Montrose being high hook with 29 fish. In Sunday's wind, the trip for Cornell University had picky fishing. Tom Irwin took the pool and high hooks were Ron and Pam. First timers Jan and Tony Acevedo caught their first fish ever. Four fluke were also picked.

A call from Capt. Pat of the charter

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boat **Lady J III** said that considering the not too favorable weather conditions Friday, Saturdy and Sunday his charter still had decent floundering but with lots of drops. Friday's trip was for the Pat Madigan group, Freeport, Saturday's for Old Forge Tavern, Bayside and Sunday's trip for Freeman Management Corp., Bronx. Worms caught best and heavy chumming was required.

The **Freeport Boatmen's Association** advised that their charter boats and the **Super Spray II** had very solid catches all week, even in the wind on flounder and fluke. Dockmaster Bob said that 75 percent of the fluke were keepers and as for the flounder, some are still coming out of the mud. Hot areas were the Big M, Swift Creek and the CG station. Some big blackfish also being taken at the bridges.

Moving over to Pt. Lookout, we learn from **Scotty's Fishing Station** of excellent flounder catches this past week at the sand bar between Short Beach and the Big M, also Reynolds between buoys 16-19. Excellent flounder catches were had on the weekend on worms and mussels by anglers Wilden Monetrie, Joe Gogntz, Julian Aroya, Tony La Bianca and Steve. Fluking is improving daily. The Chemidas brothers bagged 14 fluke to 3½ lbs. on live killies in Reynolds. An occasional weak and blue are mixed into the catches while bay blues have been belting the inlet and the areas along the beaches everyday.

We hear from Capt. Dennis of the charter boat **Marie III** that Saturday's trip for Metropolitan Rod and Gun Club in the AM had good floundering at the Big M through the flood and afterwards they picked away in Swift Creek, with many drops required for the rest of the day. Catches averaged 10 to 15 fish a man. There are lots of larger 1 to 2 lbers. around. Sunday's trip for the Kearney family had excellent flounder action in the AM at the Meadowbrook bridge and the mussel beds west of the Jones Beah piers plus swift. Fish ran 1 to 2 lbs. with some fluke and blows mixed in. The pool went to 14 yr old John Sertic with a 2 lb. 7 oz. flounder. Bob Agalia and Steve Kearney both had 2 lb. 4 oz. flounder and catches ran 10 to 15 a man. This was all on mussel and worm bait and catches were made despite tough conditions of wind, rain and racing tide.

From the **Miss Point Lookout** we heard of a great week of fishing. High hook Tuesday AM was 73 for Ed and Emma who filled up three 5 gal. pails. Fish ran up to 3¼ lbs. On Wednesday regular Harry made two trips taking the pool each trip with a 2 lber. and a 2¾ lber. Myron the exterminator also made 2 trips bagging 49 flounder. Wind on the weekend slowed things, but not to a standstill. Sunday's AM trip had Allen Stevens take the pool iwth a 2¼ lber, and on Sunday's PM trip Bob Zupka won top honors with a 2¾ lber. Best action was Swift Creek and off the CG station.

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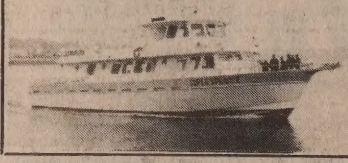

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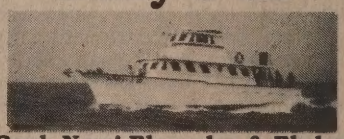

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us that during the week, Murderer's Row from Jersey (Ed Puzio, Bruno Grabiec and John Sanford) totalled 118 flounder fishing the flats, Coast Guard, Swift on worms and heavy mussel chumming. Saturday AM in the high winds saw some very good fluke catches from the Loop bridge to Sloop channel on incoming. Capt. Mike Barnett on his charter boat **Codfather** for Gene and Steve Sweet had 30 keeper fluke to 4 lbs. They also had 35 flounder taken in Swift Creek on worms. On Sunday the count was 40 flounder for Frank Poma, Alan Sirowitz and Greg Peterson of Canarsie. This was on mussels and worms at the Coast Guard, outgoing water.

A call to **Beckmann's Tackle** in Lynbrook resulted in the information regarding Monday's catch of a 12 lb. 8 oz. weak for Bob Sobel of Lynbrook which he caught Saturday night in Peconic Bay, along with a 6 lber to keep it company, all on grape jelly worms. On Friday, Charlie weighed in a 6 lb. fluke caught by Arthur Politano of Inwood caught with 6 other fluke in Jamaica Bay on killie-squid combos. Arthur reported he saw plenty of blues and bunker in Jamaica Bay. Mark Brody of Far Rockaway fished Short Beach CG Wednesday for 30 flounder to 1½ lbs. along with a 4 and 5 lb. blackfish. He also had 2 keeper fluke.

Over at Atlantic Beach Al at **Reynolds Reef Fishing Station** told of solid flounder catches off the Cedarhurst Yacht Club and all along the south bank of Reynolds channel 500 feet east of the ABB, fish up to 2 lb. 2 oz. Good blackfishng at the ABB pilings and Silver Pt. jetty and local small wrecks on fiddlers and greens. Al said the fluke appeared to be all throughout Reynolds Channel with the buoy 8-10 area being hot, fish up to 5 lb. 2 oz. Tony Siniscalchi utilizing a big sandworm bagged a 9 lb. weakfish at Ocean Beach taking Station's weakfish tourney on the weekend.

NEW YORK BIGHT

In East Rockaway **Skippy's Bait and Tackle** also knew of Cedarhurst Yacht Club having heavy flounder action this week and also told of Duck Pt. which was a good fluke producer this week on all baits. Skip also said that along the Alantic Beach dock line on the south bank flounder were a hot number. Blackfish in at the pilings of the ABB on fiddlers and green crab and bay blues at the inlets AMs and PMs, 2 to 3 lbs. on anything.

Cross Bay Bait and Tackle on Jamaica Bay told of good blackfish and flounder off both north and south channel bridges this past week with incoming tide best. Worms, greens and fiddlers on the hook. Joe Stephen of Broad Channel Anglers caught an 8 lb. 13 oz. blackfish on fiddlers from a boat under the Marine Parkway bridge. CHarlie and Steve Novak of Woodhaven hoisted 40 cocktail blues

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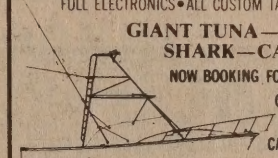

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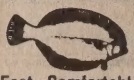

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up to 3 lbs. just east of the Breezy Point jetty on diamonds. A few fluke starting to come in.

Over in Sheepshead Bay the Wee Willie report out of **Mike's Tackle** across from the fleet told of a lot of flounder and blackfish taken close in to the Breezy Point jetty. Lots of whiting at the Ambrose tower. Quantities of 7 lb. bluefish being caught at the Tin Can grounds on diamonds and umbrellas with one customer bringing in 40 of them. The White Eagle has been catching solid numbers of flounder and blackfish under the guidance of lady skipper, Captain Karen.

Aboard the **Flamingo III** this week good catches of mixed whiting, ling and blackfish and a few sea bass have been had with ling, a great eating fish, comprising most of the catch. Action has all been on local inshore wrecks and reefs.

Captain Butch of the **Zephyr** told of very good flounder fishing during the week through Friday at the Tin Can and Jerrys Lump, to the tune of 30 to 40 keepers a man. The weekend was a tougher nut with the wind and rain. Fish have been averaging 3/4 to 2 lbs. on worms, clam and mussels.

The word from Capt. Al Coley of the **Betty W. III** is that he has now officially switched to bluefish with a 6:30AM daily sailing time. Al says his customers caught very good Thursday, Friday and Saturday with Sunday's catches off a little due to the winds. Fish are ranging 2 to 5 lbs. and are close in at the Tin Can. Pool fish Saturday went 8 lbs. with diamonds being employed. Saturday's high hook was 17 blues.

North Shore REPORT

with Mrs. Lorry Mangan

Although plenty of mackerel have been spotted in the Western and mid-Sound, they are still reluctant to take lures. Flounder won't quit, and blackfish have come into their own with some large catches of good size fish reported. Lots of weakfish moved into Gardiner's and Peconic Bays, immediately followed by enormous schools of bluefish, making it difficult to get through to the weaks. Fluke reported in the Sound and bays, some to 7 lbs. caught mainly while in persuit of other fish. East end flounder are coming into their own, while Sound flatties won't quit. Weekend weather made conditions unfishable in some areas.

WESTERN SOUND

John, at **John's Gun and Tackle**, spoke highly of the blackfish action at the Larchmont Breakwaters and Mattinicock, with average catches of 10-15 fish per man with many fish in the 6-8 lb. range Pleny of good size flounders, to 1½ lbs., have been holding in at Sands Point and Mattinicock Point. Mackerel are pretty solid in the sound, however, won't cooperate with anglers attempts to boat them. Patience is necessary, the fish will bite in their own time. The largest schools seem to be concentrated off Smithtown, in deep water.

A blackfish of 11 lbs. was caught by Scott Lindsey late last week and weighed by Jack at **Jack's Bait and Tackle** in **City Island**. Jack also weighed a 10 lb. 6 oz. blackfish for George Heading who caught the fish on a flounder hook baited with sandworm at Sands Point. Proven blackfish spots include Harts Island, Execution Light, and City Island Bridge. Flounder action remains steady at Hargs Island, off New Rochelle and in front of Orchid Beach, according to Jack. The **Apache** continues to do well on flounder and blackfish, while the **Klondike** and **North Star** were persuing mackerel all week, with a very successful catch on Friday, so many macks that wheelbarrows were used to remove the fish from the boats. Naturally, the winds blew over the weekend making mackerel hunting difficult.

NORTH SHORE MID-ISLAND

Capt. Billy Collins has put plenty of flounder into the buckets on the **Ever Ready II**, with fish in the Sound averaging 1-1½ lbs. over the weekend. Best fishing in the Crab Meadow Beach and Asharoken areas, according to the captain. Blackfishing is picking up with blacks to 6 lbs. not unusual.

George Valentine spoke of continued flounder and blackfish catches in 10-15 feet of water off Eaton's Neck, Marshall Field, and Callahan's Beach with blacks up to 6 lbs. taking fiddler crabs and worms. Mackerel are solid off City Island to North of Smithtown Bay in Mid-Sound, with good catches provided the weather cooperates (winds are down). A few weakfish have been caught in the usual early spot off Lloyds Neck. Drifting or trolling sandworms is working on striped bass in the Marshall Field or Cold Spring Harbor area, although more shorts than keepers have been found. A few bass of about 10 lbs. were reported caught.

John, spoksman for **Glen Cove Sport Shop**, claimed that there are still plenty of flounder in the ¾ to 1½

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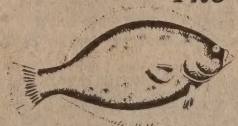

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Janet, at **Bowman's Sporting Goods** in **Northport** spoke of very good flounder, both in Northport Harbor and in the Sound, with the larger fish in the Sound. Worms are the preferred bait for blackfish at Asharoken at the rocky areas. Blackfish from 3-12 lbs. were the norm this week. Striped bass have come into the area, however, the ratio seems to be 99 percent shorts. There are rumors of fluke. An extraordinary amount of bunker have come into the area.

Tim, at **Caraftis Fishing Station** in **Port Jefferson** claims that flounder won't quit both in Port Jeff Harbor an the Sound, with best producing areas west of the Harbor to Flax Pond, and east of the Harbor along White's Beach. A few weakfish have come into the area. A 3 lb. and a 10 lb. weakfish were caught under the Pink House by surprize flounder fishermen. Nice catches of blackfish were made at Old Field Point and Cranes Neck. One rental boat returned with 50 blacks, top weight 8 lbs., all caught on green

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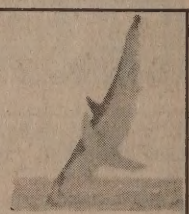

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crabs. Mackerel remain elusive, but have been seen in deep water northwest of Cranes Neck. Over the weekend a great school of searobbins were seen chasing sandeels, on top, at buoy 11.

Fluke are in the area. Guy Maio of Medford jigged 4 keepers at the Buoy 11 drop off while searching for mackerel after school. A few small porgies have been caught near can 11.

Capt. Frank Ingargiola had pretty good fishing on the **My Yacht II**, both with flounder and blackfish, until the weekend winds blew up, making for trying fishing conditions on Saturday and Sunday. He reported a very large school of mackerel in very deep water about 2 miles north of Buoy 9. An impromptu fluke trip on Tuesday resulted in three keepers under the Pink House.

Blackfish have been taken from the Port Jefferson to Mount Sinai beaches during the week, with the Cedar Beach Fishing Pier, and the Port Jefferson Village Beach particularly hot. 12 year old Maureen Keitzing used a whole sandworm for an 8 lb. 12 oz. blackfish, fishing with her dad and cousin at Port Jefferson.

Ralph Davenport at **Ralphs Fishing Station** reported no boats out on the weekend because of the winds. Ironically, when I spoke to him at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, the Sound was flat calm, the winds dropping to a whisper. Before the weekend winds, lots of flounder were reported close to the beaches from Mt. Sinai, eastward to Shoreham. Blackfish were making a good showing at Rocky Point, the Shoreham Pipeline and all rock piles near the beaches. Ralph said that lots of squid have moved into Mt. Sinai Harbor. Can weaks and fluke be far behind!?

Al Sturges at **Capt. Al's Complete Angler** in **Miller Place** spoke about nice size flounder which remain within easy reach, however a few large blackfish have been brought into the shop. The largest 10 lbs., caught on a sandworm by a Miller Place resident fishing off Hallock Landing Road.

Bill, at **Rocky Point Fishing Stop**, said that the flounder won't quit, with sizes ranging from ¾ to 2 lbs. A few blackfish have been caught, with one of 8 lbs. 5 ozs. caught at the foot of Broadway in Rocky Point last Sunday. Mackerel reports remain spotty, with the best hopes at Buoy 11 early in the morning, then Stradford Shoals (Middle Grounds) later in the day. Try for weaks under the mackerel.

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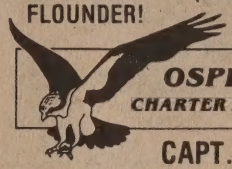
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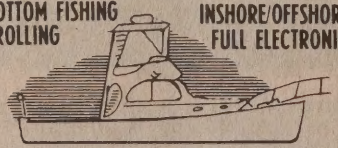
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hermit crabs. Ron will try to get hermits for rental boat customers. Ask about it when you reserve your boats. Flounder seem to be thinning out, with most fish under 1½ lbs., although a few snowshoes are hanging in. Best flounder spot the past few days has been near the Beachcomber Motel, with a few blackfish taking flounder bait as well. Reports of a few fluke have come in the past few days.

A group of anglers tried for fluke Saturday morning, fishing from **Mattituck Fishing Station**, according to Charlie Caraftis. Using sand eels and squid, the group caught 7 keepers in 1½ hours and had to cut their trip short because of gusty northwest winds. Area fish: Beachcomber motel. Lots of flounder remain, some to 1¾ lbs. from the motel area, or Coopers Rock, west of Mattituck Inlet. A surprise catch of blackfish and sea bass (to 3 lbs.) was made west of the inlet during the week, with a few porgies.

Captain Bob Ceglowski reports continued good flounder on the **Capt. Bob** although the sizes are not those of the previous weeks. Monday's charter of senior citizens averaged 15 to 20 flatties per person, while on Friday Miller Place resident Anthony DiPola and his group of 15 caught 250 flounder and a fluke of about 3 lbs. The flounder averaged 1 to 1¼ lbs. Captain Bob will start fishing Horton's Point fluke the first week in June on his open boat trips.

Eddie at **Warren's Tackle Center** in Aquebogue spoke of the flounder action both at the Motel and also the Firing Range, east of Mattituck Inlet in the Sound. He also heard of blackfish, mostly 4 to 6 lbs., with one

of 9 lbs. caught on the Northville Pipeline. However, most of the talk at the tackle shop centered on the weakfish in the Peconic Bay with best spots the South Race and buoys 17 and 18 in Middle Ground. Best catches have been made early in the morning or at night with jelly worm/squid combo working well. When asked about preferred colors, Eddie stated that the fish seem to like white best on bright, sunny days, switching to strawberry or grape on overcast days. Teenager Craig Stark, while weakfishing in the Peconic Bay, hooked and landed a 6 lb. 9 oz. fluke during the week! Some porgies are showing up, with one angler showing off his catch of 35, but not revealing the location of the catch.

A good weakfish catch was made very early on Saturday morning (the trip lasted from 3:30 AM to 10AM) by Ronnie Bonbazian, John Engle and Tom Cariddi from Hackensack who returned to **Capt. Marty's Fishing Station**, New Suffolk with 27 weaks to 11 lbs. and 11 bluefish to 5 lbs. The group fished off the sand slide near buoy 26, using squid/jelly worm plus lights to attract the fish. Phil Loria said that this past weak, weaks to 12 lbs. have been caught, mainly at the South Race off Robbins Island. A showing of fluke appeared over the weekend, taken mainly by surprised anglers working for weakfish. A long squid strip, working the bottom, resulted in a 7¼ lb. fluke for Charlie Pain on a rental boat. Other fluke were taken on Salty Dogs laced with squid; most fish between 4 and 6 lbs. It would appear that a serious attempt at fluke might be productive. Pat McFarland tried for porgies on Thursday returning with 48 scup, ranging from 1½ to 3 lbs. caught near buoy 30. Bluefish showed up in force during the middle of the week, with most fish in the 3 to 5 lb. range, eating everything meant for weaks and porgies.

Ace Cottrel has been weighing in weakfish since Mother's Day with one of 13 lbs. weighed in at **Port of Egypt Fishing Station.** Bluefish moved into the area in great schools, making it difficult to keep bait down long enough to attract weaks. However, a 13 lb. weak was caught off Greenlawn at the edge of the 90 ft. drop. Try also the west side of Jessups for weaks. Blues are all over, but particularly thick at Jessups. A few fluke are around with a 5 lb. fish caught at Middle Grounds (buoy 18) during the week. Ace reported flounder in the Sound at Petty's Bight and also at Gardiner's Island. The **Sea Boots** reported a strong showing of flounder in the 1 to 2 lb. range fishing 30 feet of water at the Bight from Wednesday on. Captain Tony Loperfido fished the south side of Plum Island on the **Fish-alot** in order to get out of the wind on the weekend. Over three dozen fish were taken per trip, with several fish pushing 3 lbs. in weight.

Art White at the **A.P. White Bait Shop** in Greenport, lamented the persistent winds, stating the few wind-

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less hours per week prove that fish—flounder, weaks and blackfish, are there in good numbers, but alas, sea and weather conditions have been an inhibiting factor in the catches. Indications are for good fish potential at Gardiner's Island and in the Sound, with weakfish arriving in the Bay. Bluefish came in in droves Wednesday and seem to have settled in.

A talk with Captain Rich Jensen revealed that, although fishing conditions are less than ideal, the fish are there in pretty good numbers and sizes; all that is needed for really spectacular catches is a few days of nice weather! However, despite less than ideal conditions, high hook on he open boat **Nancy Ann II** has been over two dozen fish in the 1½ to 3 lb. range daily with most fish caught in the Gardiner's Island area. On the charter boat **Nancy Ann** anywhere from 100 to 140 flatties have been boated, top weight 3 lbs. 5 oz. On Wednesday a group of 9 anglers from the Northport Fishing Club, boated 155 flounder, with 7 fish in the 3 lb. range, the largest 3 lbs. 5 oz. Sunday, in almost gale force winds, 15 anglers boated over 100 flounder. Both boats are fishing Gardiner's daily; however, Capt. Jensen will begin weakfish/bluefish charters this week. Call him for details.

While the **Brand X** attempted to find weakfish on Friday and Saturday nights, anglers were met with massive schools of ravenous bluefish which would not let the baits reach weakfish territory. Over a dozen anglers each trip caught so many bluefish, they begged to return to port early. Average catch 30 to 40 bluefish in the 3 to 5 lb. range per angler. Area fished : Middle Grounds in the Peconics. First grader, Richie Jensen, Jr. accompanied his dad on one fish, catching a couple of dozen blues, some nearly as big as he! On Thursday night, anglers did manage to find two weaks, 8½ lbs. and 10 lbs. under the hundreds of blues, before going home early.

To date, the **Brand X** had been fishing for flounder, meeting good results, despite the weather. On Sunday, three 3 lb. flounder as well as blackfish of 3¼, 3½ and 5½ lbs. were among the fish caught off Orient Point. All the fish were duly measured, weighed and had scale samples taken by a group of biologists doing a flounder study. Captain Porter asked me to inform you that beginning this week, the boat will be porgy fishing. Reports from private craft have been promising, forecasting a banner porgy year.

As we were going to press, we received news of the Peconic Bay Weakfish Tournament sponsored by **Warren's Tackle Center.** Over 150 entrants weighed more than 70 weaks (although more were caught, only potential winners were weighed). Winners of cash and trophies: Mens Division:James Binger, 12 lbs. 11 oz., Dave Marquardt, 12 lbs. 10 oz, Kevin Ryan, 12 lbs. 6 oz.; George Woodhull,

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Our freshwater reporter tried a change of pace last Tuesday, fishing aboard the **Peconic Star** with his wife Tina. Tom Schlicter reported a good pick of medium size flounder, with some large fish caught off Gardiner's Island on short drifts. Tina tied the pool with her 2½ lb. blackfish—and split the money with Joe Haviler of the Bronx Rock & Roll Rod and Gun Club who had a 2½ lb. flounder. Joe has finished in the money for three days running, twice on the **Peconic Star** and once on the **Brand X**!

Surf REPORT
with Fred Golofaro

Bluefish, as noted at the close of last weeks report, entered the surf scene this past week. Also, the first significant showing of weaks occured along North Shore beaches while the season's first cow bass became a matter of record as well.

North Shore beaches have been well supplied with plenty of school bass, most shorts in the 18-22 inch size bracket. Ozzie VanHelmond racked up an impressive number of schoolies over the past week but only one fish was over the 24" minimum size limit. His lone 'keeper' measured 27" according to Paul Graniello at **J & J Tackle** in **Patchogue**. Several casters reported upwards of 4-5 weaks taken at Sunken Meadow on Tuesday night. Among them were Dave Canale of **J & R Sports Center** in **Oakdale**. He noted that a fair number of short bass are being taken along this stretch of shore also. He also told of one caster working from the Sore Thumb inside Fire Island Inlet on Tuesday who took 30 blues between 2 and 5 pounds. The fish were there again on Thursday. Joined by my 4 year old son Paul, we found a cloud of birds and breaking fish along the perimeter of the Cedar Bar. Paul put away 6 of the choppers with a little help from Dad. The fish which ranged from 2-4 pounds were taken on Ava 17s with a red tube.

Johnny Kronuch of **Johnny's Tackle Shop** in **Montauk** confirmed a call from Jason Colby that he had taken an 18 pound striper on Tuesday night and fish of 19 and 36.6 pounds on Wednesday night. Jason who annually seems to rack up the season's first cow striper and who normally counts the western south shore as his favorite haunt, set his sights instead on Montauk's beaches. Haul seine catches gave him a clue to the presence of some larger fish along the beach. He used yellow needlefish plugs to take all three of the fish. He concentrated his efforts on False Bar.

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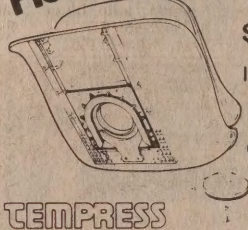

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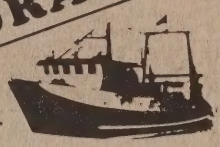

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Plenty of short bass have been occupying the Democrat Point surf. Or at least they were there before Friday's heave pounded the beaches. This was the word from Tom Healy at **Augie's Tackle Shop** in **Babylon** who received word via Tom and Scott Leonard. He too noted the presence of bluefish inside Fire Island Inlet this week.

Stan Hentschel of **Rocky Point Fishing Stop** told of large numbers of short stripers spread along area beaches. As evidence of their abundance, Stan told of one caster who counted 31 short bass in one night's work. The largest falling just shy of the 24 inch limit. He also had it from a reliable source that Cedar Beach in Southold witnessed some weakfish action on Rebels and Redfins this past week. Short bass are also inside the Peconics. John Ciccariello landed his first ever bass while working a jig and tube from the beach at South Ferry on Friday evening. Both fish fell below the 24" minimum but nonetheless provided this fledling surfcaster with his first taste of beach action.

Freshwater REPORT
with Tom Schlichter

Despite changeable skies and rough winds late in the week, freshwater anglers experienced fairly consistent action. While bass, pickerel, and panfish catches remained steady, trout slowed considerably in most areas and carp catches improved. Look for bass action to rise sharply now as the fish set up on their spawning beds, but remember to take special care in releasing any fish taken at this time as the spawning process often leaves them weak and somewhat more injury prone than at other times of the year.

Charlie Beckman of **Beckman's Bait and Tackle** in **Lynbrook** said that while he didn't actually weigh any freshwater fish this week, he was aware that Belmont Lake was producing catfish, bass, and pickerel. Grant Park also gave up a few fish this week according to Charlie with bass to 1½ lbs. and a few carp up to 5 lbs. reported.

From **Causeway Bait and Tackle Shop** in **Wantagh**, Bobby informs us that carp fishing in the Mill Pond has been top notch. Sunset seems to be the time to go and the south end of the lake is the place. Use doughballs and corn combinations for best results. Bobby also added that the pickerel, bass, and crappie action in the Twin Lakes has continued steady. Most fish

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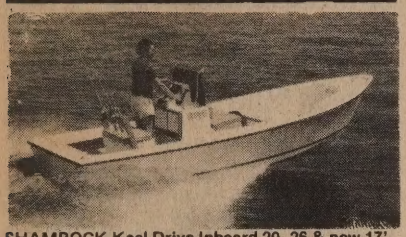

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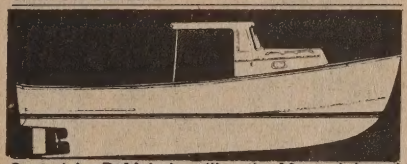

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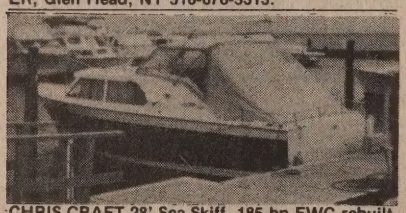

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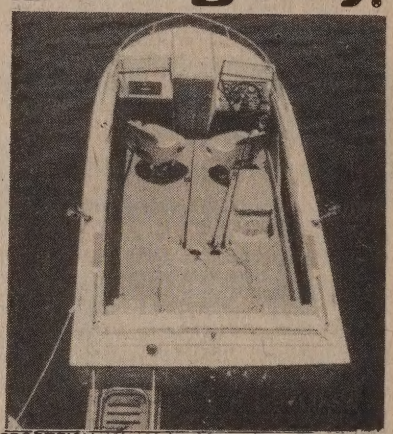

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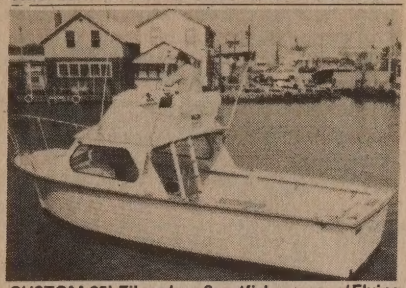

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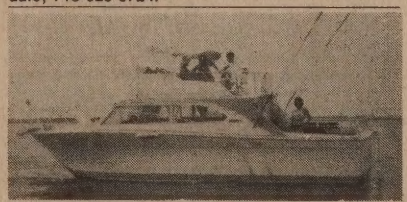

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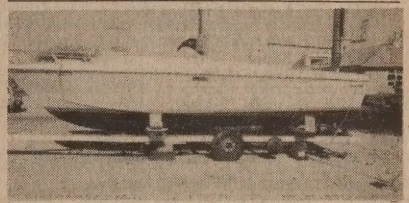

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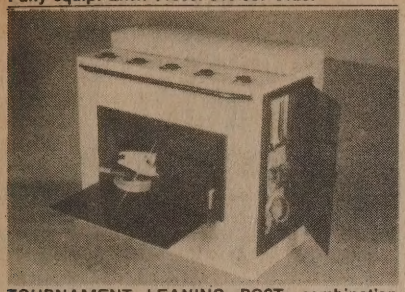

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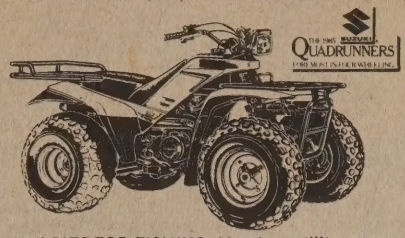

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A call to Mike Andreani at **Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle** revealed some good carp fishing in Babylon's Argyle Lake. Proof positive is offered by the catch of a 12 lb. carp taken on a night crawler bait by Lou Florio. Pickerel action in Southards Pond has also been good. On Saturday, John Obedzinzinski picked and released five pickerel up to 25" in length. John also used rooster tail lures to take several brown trout from the stream. **Augie's Bait and Tackle Shop** in **Babylon** reports that Southards Pond has produced a few bass and pickerel up to 2 lbs. Carl's River has been quiet.

Bruce Hastings of **Edleman's Sport Shop** in **Farmingdale**, reported that he took three bass and a pickerel from Yaphank Lake on bright colored rapalas. Vic Ahern took some yellow perch from the Mill Pond in Setauket on night crawler baits.

Speaking from **Pine Grove Outfitters** in **Ronkonkoma**, Fred Kruse relayed word that fishing has been dynamite of late. Many of the bass are now up on their spawning beds and live night crawlers, bright colored spinnerbaits, and jellyworms, are all producing. Pickerel fishing was very good early in the week but slowed as the wind picked up toward the weekend. A few catfish are being taken and carp fishermen have fared well with fish in the 6-7 lb. range.

At Connetquot River State Park in Oakdale, Gill Bergen reports that decent scores were made all week with rainbow and brown trout. Most sites were filled all week and many of the fish were taken on dry flies. Although he did not personally see it, Gill said that he had a report of a 9 lb. brown taken near midweek.

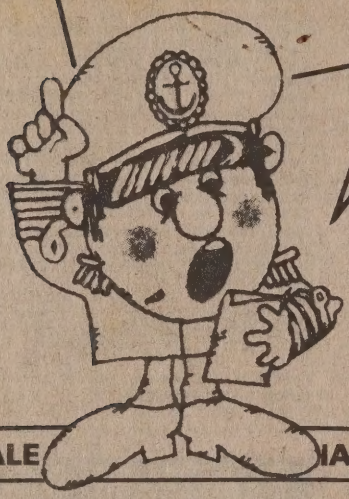
Across the Island in Caleb Smith State Park, fishing was pretty good although no outstanding fish were taken, this according to Mike Venuti. Mike added that several rainbows in the 18" range topped off angler catches.

From **J & R Sport Center** in **Oakdale**, Rod DiGiacomo reported a rather slow week on the freshwater front. Jason Miller worked the Connetquot on Wednesday, taking 3 rainbow trout to 3½ lbs. Jason said that the fishing was pretty tough until dusk when the fish began to respond to dry flies. Rod added that he had a report of a tiger muskie caught and released in Lake Ronkonkoma. The fish measured 28", a little shy of the thirty inch requirement for this recently stocked specie.

Speaking from his all new **J & J Bait and Tackle Shop** in **Patchogue**, Paul Graniello relayed word that Bill Delazergne checked in brown trout of 2 lbs. 3 ozs. and 2 lbs. 12 ozs.. The fish were both taken in Tuthills Creek on night crawler baits last Friday night. Carl Froelich weighed in a pickerel at 5 bls. 2 ozs. taken in the Peconic River Thursday. The big fish fell for a sassy shad. Paul added that there are still plenty of small trout for flycasters in West Lake and also asked me to let you know that **J & J** now issues freshwater licenses.

Out east from the **Fisherman's Deli** in **Riverhead**, George Devlin reports that the action really slowed over the weekend due to the high winds. Early in the week, action was quite good for bass and pickerel. Monday saw George and his friend Tom Heizlip of Calverton take a combined 12 bass and a 20" pickerel on spinners and fake worms. On Tuesday, John Blaney of West Hampton, took four pickerel and two bass on spinners and crankbaits. Saturday, Paul Rubenstein of Riverhead, took a 15" rainbow trout from the upper lake.

Billy Mac, a member of the Long Island Chapter of Bass Masters, called to let us know that he and fellow members Steve Kiss and Joe Moe fished some of the N.Y.S. resevoirs in Westchester County, and caught lots of largemouths up to 4½ lbs., some very large yellow perch, 3 rock bass, and even some pickerel. According to Billy Mac, any lure that rattled, such as the rebel rattle trap, produced fish. The biggest secret to their success was the niaveness of Steve Kiss, who served as the human trolling motor after Billy and Joe managed to convince him that be cause of their advanced ages they couldn't possibly row the boat and have enough energy left to cast.



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